



IMPERIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS.

Ottawa Agreements Act, 1932 (An Act of the Imperial Parliament)

On the 22nd November, 1932, three resolutions were passed by Tynwald, entitled (a) "Imperial Trade Agreements" (b) "Duties of Customs—Wine" and (c) "Duties of Customs—Coffee," to give effect in the Isle of Man to an Order (The Ottawa Agreements (No. 1) Order) made by His Majesty's Treasury under the Ottawa Agreements Act, 1932, dated 15th November, 1932.

The effect of these resolutions is that the following new duties of Customs, and modifications of existing duties come into operation.

(1) **DUTIES.**

<i>Class or Description of Goods.</i>	<i>Rate of Duty.</i>	<i>Period during which Duty charged.</i>
Wheat in grain	2/- per qtr of 480 lbs.	—
Maize, flat, white	10 per cent. ad valorem.	—
Butter	15/- per cwt.	—
Cheese	15 per cent. ad valorem.	—
Eggs in shell :—		
(a) not exceeding 14 lbs. in weight per great hundred	1/- per great hundred.	—
(b) over 14 lbs. but not exceeding 17 lbs. in weight per great hundred	1/6 per great hundred.	—
(c) over 17 lbs. in weight per great hundred	1/9 per great hundred	—
Condensed Milk, whole :—		
Not Sweetened	6/- per cwt.	—
Sweetened, or slightly sweetened	5/- per cwt.	—
Milk Powder and other preserved milk, excluding condensed milk :—Not sweetened	6/- per cwt.	—
Fresh or Raw Fruit :—		
Apples	4/6 per cwt.	—
Pears	4/6 per cwt.	—
Bananas	2/6 per cwt.	—
Oranges	3/6 per cwt.	April 1st to Nov. 30th.
Grapefruit	5/- per cwt.	—
Grapes other than hothouse	1½d. per lb.	Feb. 1st to June 30th.
Peaches and Nectarines	14/- per cwt.	Dec. 1st to Mar. 31st.
Plums	9/4 per cwt.	Dec. 1st to Mar. 31st.
Preserved or Dried Fruits :—		
Apples preserved in syrup	3/6 per cwt.	—
Figs and Fig Cake, Plums (commonly called French Plums and Prunelloes), Plums not otherwise described, Prunes and Raisins	3/6 per cwt.	—
Other Fruits (except stoned Cherries) preserved in syrup	15 per cent. ad valorem.	—
Honey	7/- per cwt.	—

(2) These duties supersede the existing Duties under the Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1932, and the Isle of Man (Customs) (No. 2) Act, 1932, on the same goods, but they are additional to any other Customs duty chargeable.

(3) The Customs duty on non-Empire Wine not exceeding 25 degrees of proof Spirit is increased from 3/- to 4/- per gallon. The duties on non-Empire Wines exceeding 25 degrees of proof Spirit and on all Empire Wines remain unaffected.

(4) The preferential rate of duty on Empire Coffee is reduced from 11/8 per cwt. to 4/8 per cwt. The duty on Coffee is made the same in the Isle of Man as in the United Kingdom.

(5) Where certain periods of the year are specified the duties operate only for those periods. In those cases they do not come into operation on the 22nd November, 1932, unless the specified periods include that date. During the periods of the year when these particular goods are not chargeable with the above mentioned duties, they fall to be charged with duty under the Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1932, and the Isle of Man (Customs) (No. 2) Act, 1932.

(6) Apples consigned to a registered cider factory are, under conditions, exempt from the above-mentioned duty on raw apples, but not from any duty chargeable under the Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1932, and the Isle of Man (Customs) (No. 2) Act, 1932.

(7) Empire goods are exempt from (a) the duties under the Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1932, and the Isle of Man (Customs) (No. 2) Act, 1932, and (b) the duties referred to in paragraph (1) above, subject to compliance with the existing Preference conditions, but the conditions are modified as regards goods of Rhodesian and Nyasaland origin liable to those duties consigned from Beira in Portuguese East Africa.

(8) Irish Free State goods are not treated as Empire products but are subject to the special duties imposed by resolution of Tynwald on the 8th November, 1932, as well as the general ad valorem duty and additional duties imposed by the Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1932, and the Isle of Man (Customs) (No. 2) Act, 1932.

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