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TARIFF CONCESSION NOTICES

(INCLUDING OTHER NOTICES UNDER THE
TARIFF ACT 1988 AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT 1996)

TARIFF INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE (ADVERTISEMENT) NOTICE NO. 1998/22

Applications Advertised for Objection
Closing Date for Objections 14th July 1998

- 1 Notice is hereby given that the following applications have been made in respect of the goods advertised in the Schedule to this notice. Any person wishing to lodge an objection should do so in writing, to the Ministry of Commerce, PO Box 1473, Wellington, Fax 0-4-474-2843 indicated by the reference number, before 14th July 1998. All submissions should include:
- the Tariff Industry Assistance (Advertisement) Notice number;
 - the Tariff item; and
 - Reference number.
- 2 All submissions from local manufacturers should include:
- the range of alternative goods made locally;
 - the grounds on which objection is made (including reasons why the local product is a suitable alternative);
 - present and potential output;
 - details of factory cost in terms of materials, labour, overheads, including the proportion of domestic and imported content.
- 3 All submissions objecting to a request for the withdrawal of a concession should include:
- reasons why the local product on which protection is sought is not a suitable alternative;
 - full technical details of the goods against which tariff protection is sought.
- 4 Where further information is required in order to make a submission an objector should contact the applicant in writing and refer a copy of the enquiry to the Ministry of Commerce quoting the details in paragraph 1 above.

Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Name and Address of Applicant	Part II Ref.	Appn. Ref. No.	*Category of Appn.																						
3402.12.00	Berol 556 (alkyl polyglycol ether ammonium methyl chloride)	Polychem Marketing Limited PO Box 6435 AUCKLAND	99	996334A	A																						
3506.10.00	Shoe Goo II polyurethane adhesive suited for use in building up soles of shoes	Vita Shoe Co Ltd C/- PO Box 2367 AUCKLAND	99	996333C	A																						
3923.50.00	Caps of polypropylene, tamper evident, 38mm diameter, permanently bonded with 0.0005 inch liner of clear polyester coated on the back side with polyvinylidene chloride then permanently bonded F.217	Michael O'Brien PO Box 3230 AUCKLAND	99	996337F	A																						
3926.20.61) 3926.20.69)	One time disposable ponchos of welded construction only and of film not exceeding 0.04mm (40 microns) in thickness	Australasian International PO Box 73-111 AUCKLAND AIRPORT	99	996332E	A																						
8419.19.00	Sealed-chamber gas fed storage water heaters, wall mounted, of a capacity not exceeding 95 litres	The Hot Water Company C/- Trade Consultants Ltd PO Box 4287 AUCKLAND	99	996336H	A																						
85.17	Telephones	Alcatel NZ Ltd C/- PO Box 31-387 LOWER HUTT	99	996330J	A																						
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	LBTXB33	SSXB33			
	LBTXB44	SSXB44			
	LBTXB55AV	SSXB55V			
	LBTXB88AV	SSXB88V			
	MHCGRX8	SSGRX8			
	MHCGRX10AV	SSGRX10AV			
	MHCW555	SS-W77IG			
	MHCW777AV	SS-W77IG			
8525.10.09) 8525.20.09) 8527.90.09)	Baby monitors, cordless via radio link	Philips NZ Ltd PO Box 1041 AUCKLAND	99	996325B	A
8702.10) 8702.90)	Mini-buses for the transport of 10-12 persons	Convair Trading Co Ltd C/- PO Box 37-104 Parnell AUCKLAND	99	996329E	A
8716.31.01	Cryogenic storage tanker trailer unit	Air Liquide Ltd C/- Schenker International PO Box 73 012 AUCKLAND AIRPORT	99	996326L	CE
94.01	Double-skinned blow moulded rolled edge seats with retracting arm rests, seat backs and bottoms	Balsam Pacific C/- OCTA Associates Ltd PO Box 2506 CHRISTCHURCH	99	996328G	A
9403.70.00	Childrens cot activity centre, comprising 10 cots complete with varying activity goods and a table top application	Display Products Ltd C/- Compass Shipping NZ Agencies Ltd PO Box 22 046 CHRISTCHURCH	99	996323F	A
9403.90.00	CURRENT APPROVAL: Component parts for the manufacture of coopsette		99	881358C	V
9403.90.00	REQUESTED APPROVAL: Component parts for the manufacture of coopsette desking systems	January Design Pty Ltd C/- Aironaut Customs Brokers Ltd PO Box 237712 Parnell AUCKLAND	99	996327J	V

* Category of Application:

A	-	General Approval
CE	-	Capital Equipment
IM	-	Inputs to Manufacturing – Inability to Supply
IP	-	Inadequate Production
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RUC	-	Revocation of Unused Concession
S	-	Shortfall
SS	-	Special Situation
V	-	Variation of Existing Concession
W	-	Withdrawal of Concession
+	-	Denotes amendment or addition

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of June 1998.

V.A. MANKS, Ministry of Commerce.

Tariff Act 1988

TARIFF CONCESSION APPROVALS, WITHDRAWALS AND DECLINES NOTICE (NO. 22) 1998

I, Vincent Anthony Manks, Executive Officer, Ministry of Commerce, acting pursuant to section 8 of the Tariff Act 1988 under delegated authority hereby:

- (a) In accordance with Part II of the Tariff approve in respect of the entry of goods listed in the First Schedule to this notice the rates of duty or exemptions from duty specified in that Schedule with effect from the first day of the month so specified; and
- (b) In accordance with Part II of the Tariff approve in respect of the entry of goods listed in the Second Schedule to this notice the exemptions from duty specified in that Schedule with effect from the first day of the month so specified subject however to such purposes and conditions which I prescribe; and
- (c) Withdraw with effect fourteen days from the date of this *Gazette*, or otherwise at the date so specified, the approvals granted in respect of the entry of goods listed in the Third Schedule to this notice
- (d) Decline to approve in respect of the goods listed in the Fourth Schedule to this notice concessions for which application was made.

FIRST SCHEDULE
Concessions Approved

Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Rates of Duty		Part II Ref.	Ref. No.	Effective	
		Normal	Pref.			From	To
X	3916.10.00) 3925.90.00) 3926.90.69)	Single piece injection mouldings, viz: lattice panels; C and H channel	Free	Free	99	995676L	11/97 ..
A	3926.90.69	Traffic delineators, being reflective posts of LLDPE, incorporating recessed reflective bands	Free	Free	99	996201J	4/98 ..
A	4016.93.00	Washers of synthetic rubber with metal base	Free	Free	99	996218C	4/98 ..
A	4016.99.99	Vases of vulcanised rubber	Free	Free	99	996219A	4/98 ..
A	5702.20.09	Coir floorcoverings whether or not latex backed	Free	Free	99	996203E	4/98 ..
A	6002.30.12	Napped jersey polypropylene/spandex fabric	Free	Free	99	996213B	4/98 ..
A	6805.30.19	Cork backed abrasive belts	Free	Free	99	996210H	4/98 ..
A	70.07	Motor vehicle glass, Mazda, viz: MODEL Part No Application	Free	Free	99	996178L	4/98 ..
		MX5 NB39 58 661A R Ventilator					
		NB39 59 661A L Ventilator					
		NC10 58 510B R Door					
		NC10 59 510B L Door					
		NC11 63 900 Windshield					
		NB40 63 931 Back Window					
	626	G14S 58 511 R Front Door					
		G14S 59 511 L Front Door					
		GF3H 63 900B Windshield					
		G14S 63 930B Back Window					
		G14S 50 G1XB R Side					
		G14S 50 G2XB L Side					
		G14S 72 511 R Rear Door					
		G14S 73 511 L Rear Door					
		G14S 72 661 R Qtr					
		G14S 73 661 L Qtr					
		GE4T 58 511 R Front Door					
		GE4T 59 511A L Front Door					
		GE6T 63 900D Windshield					
		GE6L 63 930A Back Window					
		GE6T 63 930A Back Window (5dr)					
		GE4T 50 G10C R Side Window					
		GE4T 50 G20C L Side Window					
		GE4T 72 511 R Rear Door (5dr)					
		GE4T 73 511 L Rear Door					
		GE5A 72 511 R Rear Door (4dr)					
		GE5A 73 511 L Rear Door					
		GE4T 72 661 R Qtr Window (5dr)					
		GE4T 73 661 L Qtr Window					
		GE5A 72 661A R Qtr Window (4dr)					
		GE5A 73 661A L Qtr Window					
A	7326.90.09	Key rings, other than leather type	Free	Free	99	996208F	4/98 ..
A	7616.99.40	Jib furler kit - being a headsail furling kit incorporating split bearings and housing	Free	Free	99	996212D	4/98 ..
A	7616.99.90	Wire dispensing reels of aluminium	Free	Free	99	996204C	4/98 ..
A	8409.91.01	Piston ring sets	Free	Free	99	996169A	4/98 ..
A	8417.80.01	Automatic filter pre heater system, suited for use with molten aluminium	Free	Free	99	996194B	4/98 ..
A	8421.99.09	Filtration, collection and recycling system and parts thereof for coolant used on high speed cutting tools, of a type used in the manufacture of alloy components	Free	Free	99	996187K	4/98 ..
A	8424.89.18	Anti pollution spray systems of a type suited for mounting on helicopters	Free	Free	99	996171C	4/98 ..
A	8437.10.09	Seed cleaning machine	Free	Free	99	996170E	1/98 ..
A	8465.99.00	Heavy duty granulator suited for use in granulation of large diameter, thick walled PVC pipe	Free	Free	99	996188H	4/98 ..
A	8465.99.00	Pulverizer for the recycling of rigid PVC material into PVC powder	Free	Free	99	996191H	4/98 ..
A	8479.89.00	Cork branding machine suited for branding wine or champagne corks on side and/or head	Free	Free	99	996186A	4/98 ..
A	8480.41.00	Low pressure mould, suited for use in the manufacture of alloy structural chassis cross members	Free	Free	99	996215J	4/98 ..
A	8481.80.19	Filtered water faucets	Free	Free	99	996195L	4/98 ..
A	8531.10.00) 8543.89.90)	Outdoor microwave or vibration sensing electronic perimeter intrusion detection system including sensors	Free	Free	99	996192F	4/98 ..

Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice No. 1998/22-continued

Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Rates of Duty		Part II Ref.	Ref. No.	Effective	
		Normal	Pref.			From	To
X 8708.99.22) 8708.99.23) 8708.99.25) 8708.99.26)	Motor vehicle cuts, not being essentially complete vehicles of tariff headings 87.03 or 87.04	11.5		99	996284A	15/5/98	6/98
A 9401.80.00	High chair/combination youth chair, rotary moulded plastic type including parts and accessories thereof	Free	Free	99	996197G	4/98	..
V 9503.49.00	Toys, representing animals or non-human creatures, of any material, excluding stuffed toys	Free	Free	99	996198E	4/98	..
A 9506.91.00	Bio-kinetic exercise apparatus, incorporating leg and torso oscillating action	Free	Free	99	996172A	4/98	..
A 9506.91.00	Electronic interactive workout torso	Free	Free	99	996173K	4/98	..
A 9608.20.01) 9608.20.09)	Marker pens designed with 72 hours or more dry-out prevention	Free	Free	99	996190K	4/98	..

SECOND SCHEDULE

Concession Approvals Subject to Prescribed Purposes and Conditions

Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Rates of Duty		Part II Ref.	Ref. No.	Effective	
		Normal	Pref.			From	To
GT 3920.10.09	Peelable seal polyethylene film - to cover entry 1678645001 of 17/5/98 imported per Ariake voyage 8058	Free	Free	99	996335K	5/98	5/98
IM 4010.12.00	Rubber conveyor grade M cut edge 1200mm x 4P EP150 - 90 metres only	Free	Free	99	996202G	4/98	5/98
IM 4804.51.00) 4804.52.00) 4804.59.00) 4805.21.09) 4805.22.09) 4805.23.09) 4805.29.09) 4805.80.09)	30 tonnes of uncoated cartonboard for supply to Paramount Packaging Limited, for own use in skin packaging	Free	Free	99	996217E	1/98	12/98
IM 5112.11.08	Wool 99%, polyurethane 10% - 300m ²	Free	Free	99	996280J	5/98	1/99
	Wool 98%, polyurethane 2% - 300m ²						
	Wool 71%, rayon 28%, polyurethane 1% - 400m ²						
IM 5112.11.08	Wool 100% - 200m ²	Free	Free	99	996283C	5/98	1/99
	Wool 100% - 200m ²						
	Wool 90%, polyamide 10% - 1000m ²						
	Wool 96%, nylon 4% - 750m ²						
	Wool 100% - 1200m ²						
	Wool 100% - 6000m ²						
	Wool 100% - 7000m ²						
	Wool 92%, polyamide 8% - 720m ²						
	Wool 100% - 600m ²						
	Wool 61%, silk 39% - 200m ²						
IM 5112.19.00	Wool 95%, nylon 5% - 6600m ²	Free	Free	99	996315E	5/98	1/99
	Wool 60%, polyester 40% - 1700m ²						
	Wool 60%, polyester 40% - 9900m ²						
	Wool 80%, polyester 20% - 5000m ²						
	Wool 80%, polyester 20% - 8300m ²						
	Wool 80%, polyester 20% - 9900m ²						
	Wool 80%, polyester 20% - 36,500m ²						
	Wool 45%, polyester 55% - 2200m ²						
IM 6002.93.09	Knitted 100% polyester fabric, fluoro yellow or orange - 75,000m ² only	Free	Free	99	995813E	12/97	12/98
X 7010.93.70	Jars, flint 212ml, Ref 1332, quantity 140,000 units only	Free	Free	99	995463F	10/97	12/97
IM 7607.20.00	Printed 12-15 micron aluminium foil laminated to heat seal lacquer coated polyester film of reel widths of 362mm or 475mm - 20,000 kgs only	Free	Free	99	995687F	12/97	12/98
SS 8403.10.00	One only wood burning central heating unit, 20KW rated output, complete with hot water storage tank up to 900 litres capacity	Free	Free	99	996214L	4/98	5/98
CE 8439.10.01	Eight knife wood chipper	Free	Free	99	996066L	3/98	10/98
CE 8479.89.00	Semi automatic flexing machine suited for use in the manufacture of carbon brushes	Free	Free	99	996185C	3/98	3/98
MS 8703.33.29	One only cross country Mercedes Benz type 290 vehicle for testing and trialling purposes	Free	Free	99	996196J	4/98	6/98

THIRD SCHEDULE

Concession Approvals Withdrawn

Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Rates of Duty		Part II Ref.	Ref. No.	Effective	
		Normal	Pref.			From	To
3925.90.00)	Single ... channel	..	..	..	995676L	..	..
3926.90.69)							
7010.93.70	Jars ... only	..	..	..	995463F	..	..
7326.90.09	Key ... type	..	..	..	987087D	..	..
84.39.10.01	Eight ... chipper	..	..	..	996066L	..	..
87.03	Amphibious ... Practice	..	..	..	995324J	..	..

Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice No. 1998/22—continued

Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Rates of Duty		Part II Ref.	Ref. No.	Effective	
		Normal	Pref.			From	To
87.03)	Motor ... above	..	..	..	991748K	..	..
87.04)							
87.05)							
87.11)							
87.03)	Three ... "Tuk Tuk"	..	..	..	993647F	..	..
87.04)							
8703.10.00	Four ... bags	..	..	..	992719A	..	..
8703.10.00	Vehicles ... snow	..	..	..	780921C	..	..
8703.21	Karts, ... adults	..	..	..	991135K	..	..
8703.23.01)	Formula ... 1990	..	..	..	983764H	..	..
8703.23.11)							
8703.21.21)	Four ... 1000cc	..	..	..	985496H	..	..
8703.21.29)							
8703.21.38)							
8703.21.21)	Historical ... 1990	..	..	..	985818A	..	..
8703.21.29)							
8703.22.11)							
8703.22.19)							
8703.23.11)							
8703.23.19)							
8703.24.11)							
8703.24.19)							
8703.21.21)	Open ... only	..	..	..	987890E	..	..
8703.21.38)							
8703.22.11)							
8703.22.29)							
8703.23.11)							
8703.23.29)							
8703.24.11)							
8703.24.29)							
8703.21.21)	Vehicles, ... wheeled	..	..	..	993433C	..	..
8703.21.29)							
8703.21.38)							
8703.21.38	Go ... book	..	..	..	993436H	..	..
8703.21.38	Go ... types	..	..	..	990009J	..	..
8703.23.11)	Open ... racing	..	..	..	992441J	..	..
8703.23.19)							
8703.24.11)	Drag ... car	..	..	..	993302G	..	..
8703.24.29)							
8703.24.11)	Drag ... 1994	..	..	..	993397C	..	..
8703.24.29)							
8703.31	Farm ... engines	..	..	..	990351J	..	..
8703.90.29	Electric ... 1000kgs	..	..	..	990333L	..	..
8704.10	Rubber ... dumper	..	..	..	993493G	..	..
8704.10.01	Dumpers, ... Yanmar	..	..	..	991756L	..	..
8704.10.01	Dump ... truck	..	..	..	982869K	..	..
8704.21.11	Off-highway ... 1000kgs	..	..	..	991026D	..	..
8704.21.11	Vehicles ... 1100kg	..	..	..	992984D	..	..
8704.22.11	Self ... vehicles	..	..	..	780059C	..	..
8704.31.11	Off-highway ... 350cc	..	..	..	983774E	..	..
8704.31.11	Vehicles ... 1000kgs	..	..	..	988687H	..	..
8704.90.11	Electric ... people	..	..	..	701958A	..	..
8708.99.22)	Motor ... 87.04	..	..	..	996284A	..	..
8708.99.23)							
8708.99.25)							
8708.99.26)							
9503.49.00	Toys ... creatures	..	..	..	987534E	..	..

FOURTH SCHEDULE
Applications for Concessions Declined

Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Ref. No.
8516.60.19	Induction cooktops	996189F
9501.00.00	Plastic, push along or pedalled ride on toys suited for children up to age 4 years, viz: Ride on all terrain vehicle Ride on dolphin Ride on rocking chopper (helicopter) Ride on rocking horse Ride on tipping truck Rock and scoot soft padded Zebra Fold up walker	996193D

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Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Rates of Duty		Part II Ref.	Ref. No.	Effective	
		Normal	Pref.			From	To
	Ride on soft padded pony						
	Ride on lion						
	Push and ride truck						

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	X	-	Administrative Amendment

NOTE

The concessions approved subject to prescribed purposes and conditions as listed in the Second Schedule to this notice and declined applications for concessions as listed in the Fourth Schedule to this notice will not be published in the Consolidated List of Approvals.

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of June 1998.

V.A. MANKS, Ministry of Commerce

REVIEW OF TARIFF DEFINITION OF “MANUFACTURER” - BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

1 Introduction

1.1 The Ministry of Commerce invites submissions to a review of the current definition of “manufacturer” for tariff assistance purposes. This is an important border issue, because tariffs can be removed when local production ceases, or New Zealand companies fail to achieve a particular level of local content or (potentially) certain production parameters.

2 Background

2.1 Several tariff reviews have taken place over the past decade, and a review is underway to decide a post-2000 tariff policy.

2.2 Concurrently, officials are considering options for simplifying Part I of the Tariff (“The Standard Tariff”), such as consolidating duty free tariff items; merging duty free tariff items into the six-digit “Harmonized System” tariff headings which govern those tariff items; and removing the statistical keys from the Tariff. The simplification exercise is aimed at reducing costs associated with entry procedures and improving the transparency of the Tariff.

2.3 Any “simplification” changes would not raise tariffs, and statistical keys would remain in a separate document available from Statistics New Zealand.

2.4 In association with these “simplification” exercises, the Ministry of Commerce is investigating the extent of New Zealand manufacture in several chapters of the Tariff (covering, for example, excavating machinery; toys/games; sporting goods; electric motors; and certain transport equipment). The intention is to restructure Part I of the

Tariff in those areas. An associated result would be that many New Zealand products which are currently free under Part II (“Concessions”) could become duty free in the Part I Tariff document - and both Part I and Part II should become shorter and simpler.

2.5 Officials are also participating in a review of international nonpreferential rules of origin, based on a measure of “substantial transformation” which can be expressed in terms of the Harmonized System Tariff nomenclature. Our non-tariff import restrictions have also been reviewed. A review of New Zealand’s Generalised System of Preferences for developing countries was completed last year.

2.6 The Minister of Commerce, the Hon John Luxton, has now approved a further review process relating to the definition of “manufacturer” for tariff purposes. At present, New Zealand producers can only receive tariff assistance if they achieve a local content equal to or greater than 25 percent of the ex-factory cost of a particular product. Reviewing this definition will assist in the work mentioned above, and will allow us to continue the processes of updating the Tariff and its administration; both in Part I and in Part II.

3 Why Review the Definition of “Manufacture”?

3.1 New Zealand’s 25 percent definition is a one-dimensional measure which might be deemed inappropriate in an environment of increasing globalisation and significant changes to border assistance policies. A clearer and perhaps more broad-based definition should result from this process. Given the inherent unpredictability of a measure based on the relationship between local costs and import costs, a modified rule would ideally provide a more stable operating environment for New Zealand business.

4 Issues

4.1 Interested parties are asked to consider two sets of issues:

- general issues relating to qualification benchmarks/criteria;
- the specific issue of commercial availability.

(a) Definition of “Manufacture” for Purposes of Tariff Assistance

4.2 An obvious question is whether the 25 percent benchmark indicator is still a helpful measure of “manufacturer”, against the backdrop of the Government’s general policy on tariffs, its desire to make New Zealand producers as internationally competitive as possible, and the importance of reducing costs to business. Specifically, issues such as the following could be addressed in submissions (but people making submissions need not confine their responses to these questions):

- should the kitset-type assembly of specialised imported components permit a producer to be classified as a “manufacturer” as of right?
- should tariff assistance be provided if local production is based entirely on minimal processes such as (example only) operations based on the attachment of simple fastenings?
- should operations such as mixing, changes of packaging/breaking bulk and preparation for retail sale be taken into account?
- does it make a difference if the process of “manufacture” comprises repairing, refurbishing, overhauling or reconditioning?
- should tariff assistance be retained when local production is insignificant (see “Commercial Availability” below)?

4.3 People responding to this call for submissions may like to consider whether it is important that an “irreversible” physical change should occur during the final production process.

(b) Commercial Availability as a Prerequisite for Tariff Assistance

4.4 Apart from "local content" or process definitions, it is important to consider the availability of goods in the local marketplace. Part II concession policy requires a manufacturer to either satisfy the Ministry of Commerce that the product in question is freely available on the open market (eg not restricted to contracted buyers), or, prove that it is both capable of producing and willing to produce. Australia has reviewed this important issue several times, and its definition for tariff concession purposes is that a producer:

- has made goods requiring the same labour skills, technology and design expertise as the substitute goods in the two years before the application was lodged; and,
- could produce the substitutable goods with existing facilities; and,
- is prepared to accept an order to supply the substitutable goods.

4.5 An associated issue is whether tariff assistance can reasonably be retained if a local producer only supplies a small proportion of market demand. New Zealand Ministers agreed in 1991 that "inadequate production" could be grounds for allowing a concession for competing imports. This category of concession allows for duty to be waived when tariff assistance is creating an iniquitous situation. The Government intended that such concessions should be granted only in exceptional circumstances supported by compelling evidence (no applications have been approved as yet).

4.6 Interested parties are asked to suggest threshold parameters (eg percentage of marketshare; value of production at ex-factory cost level; number of direct full time employee - equivalents) which might be used to determine when local production is so insignificant that tariff assistance should be removed.

5 How to Contribute

5.1 Comments should be sent to:

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