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H.M. TREASURY

Treasury Chambers,

London, S.W.I.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under Section 3(6) and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958.

Viz.: The Import Duties (Temporary Exemption) (No. 2) Order, 1969.

This Order provides that the goods listed in Schedule 1 shall be temporarily exempt from import duty, and those listed in Schedule 2 shall continue to be exempt from import duty, both until 1st January, 1970, except for items for which an earlier day is specified.

Explanatory Note I(k) to Chapter 73 of H.M. Customs and Excise Tariff, assigns the following meaning to item "73.08 Iron or steel coils for rerolling" in Schedule 1 to the Order:

"Coiled semi-finished hot-rolled products, of rectangular section, not less than 1.5 millimetres thick, of a width exceeding 500 millimetres and of a weight of not less than 500 kilograms per piece".

The Order comes into operation on 1st May, 1969 and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1969 No. 572.

Copies of the Order may be purchased (price 9d. net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the following addresses: 7-11 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8AY; 49 High Holborn, London W.C.2; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 109 St. Mary Street, Cardiff CF1 1JW; Brazennose Street, Manchester 2; 50 Fairfax Street, Bristol 1; 258/259 Broad Street, Birmingham 1, or from any bookseller.

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London S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under Section 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958.

Viz.: The Import Duties (Temporary Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1969.

This Order revokes the temporary exemption from import duty of 1,4-Di-(2-hydroxyethoxy)benzene.

The Order comes into operation on 1st May, 1969 and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1969 No. 573. Copies of the Order may be purchased (price 4d. net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the following addresses: 7-11 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8AY; 49 High Holborn, London W.C.2; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 109 St. Mary Street, Cardiff CF1 1JW; Brazennose Street, Manchester 2; 50 Fairfax Street, Bristol 1; 258/259 Broad Street, Birmingham 1, or from any bookseller.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY

PRICES AND INCOMES ACT 1966

Reference to the National Board for Prices and Incomes

OVERTIME AND SHIFT WORKING

1. The White Paper on Productivity, Prices and Incomes Policy in 1968 and 1969 (Cmnd. 3590) specifies the criteria against which proposals for pay increases are to be judged. Pay increases include not only increases in basic pay rates, but also in rates for overtime and night or shift working.

2. Experience has shown that the relationship between, on the one hand, the length and pattern of the working week, including hours of overtime and shift work, and, on the other, earnings, costs and productivity, could usefully be explored further. In particular, changes in the number of hours worked and in their distribution over the working week sometimes play an important part in agreements for the major re-organisation of pay structures. At the same time, limits are set by social factors to the patterns of working hours that can be adopted in practice.

3. In pursuance of her powers under Section 2 (1) of the Prices and Incomes Act 1966, the First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity accordingly refers to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination the question of the relationship between the length and pattern of the working week including hours of overtime and shift work, and earnings, costs and productivity.

Steel Prices

DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 5(4) FURTHER EXTENDING THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES MUST PUBLISH THEIR REPORT

Whereas the First Secretary of State and Secretary of