

Board of Trade, Whitehall, January 28, 1856.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree, recently passed, regulating, as follows, the Import Duties upon Wool, and the Drawbacks on the exportation of Woollen Manufactures.

						per 100 kilog.
Wool .	by Sea	In grease or rough wool in lime .	Ordinary	In French Ships	From countries out of Europe .	5 frs.
					From elsewhere	10 "
			Fine	In Foreign Ships		15 "
		In French Ships		From countries out of Europe .	10 "	
		Cleansed	Ordinary	In Foreign Ships	From elsewhere	15 "
				In Foreign Ships		20 "
	Fine		In French Ships	From countries out of Europe .	10 "	
		In Foreign Ships	From elsewhere	20 "		
	by Land	If of the growth of neighbouring countries, same duties as chargeable on importation in French Vessels.	Fine	In French Ships	From countries out of Europe .	22.50 "
				In Foreign Ships	From elsewhere	32.50 "
			In Foreign Ships		37.50 "	
			If of the growth of other than neighbouring countries, same duties as applicable on importation in Foreign Vessels.			

No Wool will be considered as ordinary when exceeding in value, if in grease, 1f. 50c., or if cleansed, 3 francs the kilog.

The following Drawbacks are allowed on the exportation of Woollen Thread and Tissues of Wool :—

Woollen Thread	Cleansed	Common, of the value of from 2f. to 4f. 50c. the kilog. inclusive	40 frs.
		Medium, of the value of from 4f. 50c. to 6f. 50c. the kilog. inclusive	70 "
		Fine, of the value of more than 6f. 50c. the kilog. inclusive	100 "
	Not Cleansed	Common, of the value of from 1f. 50c. to 3f. 60c. the kilog. inclusive	32 "
		Medium, of the value of from 3f. 60c. to 5f. 20c. the kilog. inclusive	56 "
		Fine, of the value of more than 5f. 20c. the kilog. inclusive	80 "
		Fine Woollen and Silk Thread, containing more than 85 per cent of wool	90 "
		Fine Wool and Floss Silk Thread, or other materials containing more than half wool	60 "

Tissues, fustians, articles of hosiery and lace, of wool only	Cloths and kerseymeres, and similar fabrics and fustian	Common, of the value of from 4f. to 9f. the kilog. inclusive	70 frs.
		Medium, of the value of from 9f. to 18f. the kilog. inclusive	105 "
		Fine, of more than 18f. value the kilog. inclusive	150 "
	Fabrics of a light nature	Common, of the value of from 3f. to 8f. the kilog. inclusive	60 "
		Medium, of the value of from 8f. to 15f the kilog. inclusive	85 "
		Fine, of the value of 15f. and upwards the kilog. inclusive	110 "
	Counterpanes and coverlets	Common, of the value of from 2f. 50c. to 6f. 50c. the kilog. inclusive	45 "
		Medium, of the value of from 6f. 50c. to 10f. the kilog. inclusive	55 "
		Fine, of the value of more than 10f. inclusive	65 "
	Oriental hosiery (Bonneterie Orientale)	Common, of the value of from 15f. to 25f. the kilog. inclusive	120 "
		Medium, of the value of from 15f. to 25f. the kilog. inclusive	135 "
		Fine, of the value of 25f. and upwards inclusive	150 "
Ordinary hosiery, fine tapestry, lace, and carpets, of wool only	Common, of the value of from 3f. to 8f. the kilog. inclusive	55 "	
	Fine, of the value of more than 8f. the kilog. inclusive	100 "	