

Memorandum for Cabinet by the Minister of Finance, Customs & Port

Drawback Regulations (Spring Interior Mattresses)

The Import Duties (Drawback on Exported Spring Interior Mattresses) Order, 1962, provides for the refund of duty paid on certain component parts used by manufacturers in mattresses when these are exported. The Order specifies the particular items on which drawback can be allowed. This list of items was drawn up in 1961 and included all items then used in the manufacture of mattresses. Since then, however, new techniques in the mattress industry necessitated the stoppage of use of certain component parts and the introduction of new ones. As far as the Drawback Order is concerned this resulted in the mattress but not listed in the Order. It is proposed to rectify the situation now obtaining by the issue of a new Order to replace the 1962 Order. The new Order will not include a Schedule of articles on which drawback is to be allowed; instead it will provide for the payment of drawback on any item which is used in the manufacture of spring interior mattresses which are exported. The Order provides for adequate checks to be kept on the manufacture to ensure that the item on which drawback be claimed did in fact go into the manufacturing of the mattress.

Hon. Ministers are invited to advise His Excellency the Governor-General to issue the proposed Order in terms of Section 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1964. The Order has been vetted by the Crown Advocate General.

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