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Health of Animals Regulations, amendment

This amended Regulations would introduce a number of changes with respect to the controls on animal and animal products being imported into Canada.

The changes include:

- reducing the import controls on feeder cattle;
- requiring at least a 60-day quarantine for bison imported from the United States, to allow for testing for brucellosis, tuberculosis, bluetongue and anaplasmosis;
- allowing certificates and other documents to be sent by facsimile in order to speed processing of animals and their products being imported into Canada;
- allowing manufacturers to quote in the cautionary statement on the labels of veterinary biologics the time periods before animals can be slaughtered, similar to those in the United States;
- allowing newborn animals accompanying their mother to enter Canada from the United States on the basis of their mother's certification;
- closing several ports of entry in Quebec which have not been used for some time, as part of that Region's switch to the use of electronic means of clearing agricultural products;

Health of Animals Act,
subsection 64(1)

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- requiring everyone who conducts a public sale or auction to keep records of the names and addresses of the buyers and sellers of poultry and game farm animals in order to help in the trace back of exposed animals when there is a disease outbreak.

With respect to restricted feeder cattle, the amendments would:

- remove the requirement that individual identification of restricted feeders and all other livestock on a permitted premises be recorded at slaughter;
- allow imported feeder cattle to be moved for purposes other than slaughter after the treatment period is complete; and
- allow other livestock on the permitted premises to be moved for purposes other than slaughter.

The restricted feeder regulations allow the importation of feeder cattle from American herds from those States that meet control criteria for bovine tuberculosis and from those that have achieved freedom from brucellosis under the U.S. national eradication program. Importation of restricted feeder cattle is seasonally restricted to limit the risk associated with vector-borne bluetongue and anaplasmosis. To further mitigate the risk of introducing anaplasmosis to Canada, restricted feeders must be treated with antibiotics as specified in the import protocol. The risk assessment indicates that the risk of importing disease in treated cattle is equivalent or less than importing disease in tested cattle.

Many of the changes would make it easier for U.S. feeder cattle to move from northern states such as Montana into the prairie provinces instead of more southern states.

Contact: Dr. P. Greenwood, Animal Health and Production Division, Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Tel: 613-225-2342; Fax: 613-228-6630.

Plant Breeders' Rights Regulations, amendment

This regulatory amendment provides for prescribing all species of plants, excluding algae, bacteria and fungi.

The amendment would replace the current practice, which limits the categories of plants eligible for protection of rights for new, distinct varieties, with priority given to those species of importance to Canada. Currently, some 39 crops are eligible for special protection; these are prescribed by regulation.

This changes are designed to:

- encourage investment in plant breeding of agricultural and horticultural crop varieties in Canada in both the public and private sectors;
- increase the availability of more improved varieties for Canadian producers from Canadian and foreign sources, especially for regions with distinct climatic requirements;
- support increased exports because of increased promotion of proprietary varieties;
- allow federal and provincial governments and universities to collect royalties on their varieties;
- allow for the return of royalties on Canadian varieties sold in other countries;
- promote the adoption of a system compatible with those in other countries, facilitating the international movement of varieties.

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Plant Breeders' Rights Act, subsection 75(2)

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Canada Occupational Safety and Health Regulations, amendment

This regulatory amendment would eliminate an exemption for large trucks from earlier regulations lowering exposure levels to noise by truck operators.

More specifically, it would establish a prescribed noise limit of 87 dBA in any 24 hour period, down from 90 dBA.

Reducing sound exposure levels is estimated to cost between \$500 to \$2,000 for trucks exceeding the proposed new, lower sound levels.

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Canada Labour Code, sections 125, 126, and 157

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Regulations Prescribing Certain Firearms and other Weapons, Components and Parts of Weapons, Accessories, Cartridge Magazines, Ammunition and Projectiles as Prohibited or Restricted

The proposed regulations would prescribe certain prohibited or restricted weapons, replacing *Prohibited Weapon Orders No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*, as well as the *Restricted Weapons Order* and the *Cartridge Magazine Control Regulations*.

The Regulations would cover weapons, firearms, devices and ammunition.

Part 1 covers prohibited paramilitary firearms (the Velmut Hunter would be deleted from the list and the Taser Public Defender and the SSS-1 Stinger have been moved to other lists); Part 2 covers restricted paramilitary firearms; Part 3 covers prohibited weapons, other than firearms (pepper spray is prohibited if it can be used in incapacitate people, including smaller pepper spray devices; an exception is made for products designed to control wild animals and restricted to a capacity of 225 grams or less); Part 4 covers prohibited devices; and Part 5 lists prohibited ammunition.

The proposed Regulations are to come into effect October 1, 1998.

Contact: Legal Counsel, Canadian Firearms Centre, Department of Justice, East Memorial Building, 284 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8. Tel: 1-800-731-4000; Fax: 613-941-1991.

Criminal Code, sections 117.15

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Regulations Prescribing Antique Firearms

Antique firearms are deemed by subsection 84(3) of the Criminal Code not to be firearms for the purposes of the *Firearms Act*.

They are exempt from licensing, registration and border requirements and other regulatory controls, although they are still firearms if they are used in the commission of an offence.

These Regulations provide a precise description of those rim-fire and centre-fire firearms for which the ammunition is no longer commonly available and which may therefore be included within the antique firearms class. In most cases the description starts by including all rim-fire or centre-fire firearms manufactured before 1898 and then excludes those which discharge ammunition which is commonly available.

The Regulations also add to the class of "antiques" certain modern reproductions of antique models of firearms, because their technology is obsolete and as a result they present the same low level of risk to public safety as those actually manufactured before modern firearms technology was developed. These are reproductions of flintlock, wheel-lock and matchlock firearms. This means that the reproductions commonly used by historical re-enactors will enjoy the same exemptions as the antique firearms covered by the current definition.

Criminal Code, sections 117.15

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Regulations Prescribing Exclusions from Certain Definitions of the Criminal Code (International Sporting Competition Handguns)

Criminal Code, sections 117.15

These Regulations exclude handguns and barrels for use in international shooting competitions governed by the rules of the International Shooting Union.

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To accomplish this, the Regulations set out a specific list, by calibre, make and model, of handguns excluded from the prohibited firearms class, and exclude from the class of prohibited devices, barrels which are components or parts of such handguns.

The Regulations will thus allow Canadian athletes to participate in international competitions and allow Canada to host sanctioned shooting competitions.

The proposed Regulations are to come into effect October 1, 1998.

Contact: Legal Counsel, Canadian Firearms Centre, Department of Justice, East Memorial Building, 284 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8. Tel: 1-800-731-4000; Fax: 613-941-1991.

Regulations Prescribing Public Officers

Criminal Code, sections 117.15

These proposed Regulations would prescribe a number of classes of public employees who would be exempt from certain controls on the firearms regime.

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More specifically, the exempt classes would include:

- persons who deal with the examination and transportation of firearms/weapons and other matters involving evidence in court cases;
- employees of police forces and other public service agencies who are responsible for the inventory, storage and other matters concerning firearms and other weapons at such agencies;
- technicians, analysts and scientists at forensic and research laboratories;
- armourers and firearms instructors at police academies or employed by government departments that deal with such matters as wildlife, the environment, or customs and excise;
- park wardens and other personnel who enforce laws dealing with such matters as natural resources, fisheries and conservation;
- immigration officers; and
- parliamentary security personnel.

The proposed Regulations are to come into effect October 1, 1998.

Contact: Legal Counsel, Canadian Firearms Centre, Department of Justice, East Memorial Building, 284 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8. Tel: 1-800-731-4000; Fax: 613-941-1991.

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Migratory Birds Regulations, amendment (SOR/98-343, OIC 1998-1116)

The Regulations amends Schedule I to establish hunting season dates for 1998, to establish the number of migratory game birds that may be taken or possessed during those dates, and to re-define certain hunting districts.

More specifically:

- declining numbers of migrant Atlantic Population Canada Geese continue to be protected by a closed season in parts of Quebec and southeastern Ontario. Restrictive regulations already in place for Southern James Bay Population Canada Geese are being maintained. Both populations are beginning to show signs of recovery, assisted by reduced hunting mortality.
- experimental early and late goose seasons are being expanded in parts of southern Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia to take advantage of the rapidly growing populations of temperate breeding Canada Geese. In addition, to be consistent with provincial and local hunting regulations, migratory game bird hunting will no longer be permitted on Sundays in southern Ontario; and to compensate, the length of the goose hunting season is being increased by an additional 16 days. This will help to increase the harvest of this population.
- additional white-fronted geese are being permitted in the daily bag limit in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Additional white geese (Snow and Ross') are being allowed in the daily bag limit in Quebec and in the western provinces, where those populations have increased steadily to the point where they have been designated to be over-abundant and are causing significant crop damage and destruction of arctic breeding habitat.
- special harvest limits, where possible, have been lessened, for most western duck populations.
- moderate restrictions remain in place for northern pintails which are still below the population goal.
- throughout eastern Canada, restrictions, including reduced bag limits, remain in place for scoters and black ducks, and are being increased in southwestern Quebec where black duck populations continue to decline.
- the overall bag limit for sea ducks is being reduced throughout the Atlantic provinces, and special restrictions on the harvest of scoters are in place.
- the problem of declining king and common eiders is being addressed by an early closing of the hunting season in Newfoundland and a smaller bag limit.

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Newfoundland Fishery Regulations, amendment (SOR/98-344, OIC 1998-1117)

These amendment establish a new definition of "artificial fly".

The new definition establishes that the artificial fly must be comprised of a single, barbless hook. It is also reworded to better establish the exclusion of spinners, spoons and baited or weighted hooks, as intended in the original definition.

Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, section 12

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Fisheries Act, section 43

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The amendments also correct a term in the definition of “ecriteau” or “avis” in the French version of the Regulations, replacing “fonctionnaire des pecheries” with the term “agent des peches”.

The new definition of “artificial fly” is required as part of the Department’s management efforts to conserve the Atlantic salmon. Reduced numbers of salmon were recorded in the waters of Newfoundland and Labrador last year. The salmon fishing season begins in June.

Contact: Kevin Anderson, Regulations Officer, Fisheries Management, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, P.O. Box 5667, St.John’s, Newfoundland, A1C 5X1. Tel: 709-772-5482; Fax: 709-772-5983; e-mail: andersonk@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Alpine Joe Sportswear Remission Order, 1998 (SOR/98-345, OIC 1998-1118)

This Order remits the customs duties on up to 13,716 metres (15,000 linear yards), annually, of certain 4-thread twill fabrics imported by Alpine Joe Sportswear Ltd. for use in the manufacture of uniform or hiking pants and shorts and bicycle touring shorts.

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal, which reviewed a request for relief by Alpine Joe (Report No. TR-96-006), concluded that remission would not result in any direct or indirect costs to domestic fabric producers, so long as quantitative limits were set on the imported fabric.

The estimate of revenue foregone would be \$15,000 annually.

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Order Amending the Schedule to the Customs Tariff, 1998-2 (SOR/98-346, OIC 1998-1119)

The Order Amending the Schedule to the Customs Tariff, 1998-2, introduces a number of tariff reductions on imported manufacturing inputs.

The amendments also repeals Tariff item Nos. 4010.12.20, 4010.19.20, 5209.43.00 and 7314.49.00 in the List of Tariff Provisions set out in the schedule to the Customs Tariff as well as tariff item Nos. 5209.43.00 and 7314.49.00 on the List of Intermediate and Final Rates for Tariff Items of the “F” Staging Category set out in the schedule. Amended are Description of Goods of tariff item Nos. 2106.90.10, 3921.19.10, 3921.90.11, 3921.90.91, 3923.90.10, 3926.90.10, 5407.10.10, 5911.10.20, and 7607.19.10.

The estimate of revenue foregone to the Government as a result of this Order is approximately \$1,113,800.

Contact: Brian Roos, International Trade Policy Division, Department of Finance, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G5. Tel: 613-996-5538.

Income Tax Regulations, amendment (Part XXX) (SOR/98-347, OIC 1998-1121)

These amendments prescribe a provincial Act for the purposes of subparagraph 241(4)(j.1)(ii) of the Income Tax Act (ITA), namely *An Act Respecting Family Benefits*, S.Q. 1997, c. 57 in respect of the province of Quebec.

These regulations allow Revenue Canada to communicate to provincial officials the information needed to make adjustments to provincial benefits paid in respect of children under the prescribed act.

Customs Tariff, section 115

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Customs Tariff, section 82

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Income Tax Act, section 221

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Subsection 241(4) of the ITA provides exceptions to the prohibition against the communication of information obtained in the administration of the Act. By prescribing the provincial act the amendments ensure that taxpayer information may be communicated by Revenue Canada to provincial officials for the purposes of making adjustments to benefits paid out under that provincial act. The communication of information and adjustment are made as part of the National Child Benefit System announced in the 1997 Budget.

The amendments come into force on the later of the coming into force of subparagraph 241(4)(j.1)(ii) of the ITA and July 1, 1998.

Contact: Brian Roos, International Trade Policy Division, Department of Finance, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G5. Tel: 613-996-5538.

Cold Lake Airport Zoning Regulations, amendment (SOR/98-350, OIC 1998-1140)

These miscellaneous amendments, made to respond to comments made by the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations, are technical in nature.

These specific changes include:

- repeal of the definition of the term “minister” in subsection 2(1), since it is not required;
- the expression “natural” was incorrectly translated as “plantations” in the French version in section 5; “plantations” is replaced with “vegetation”; and
- the expression “southeasterly” in the fifth paragraph of Part VI is changed to “southerly”.

The Regulations come into effect June 18, 1998.

Contact: Pierre Huot, Program Manager, Airfield Zoning, Department of National Defence, National Defence Headquarters, 101 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0K2. Tel: 613-995-5031; Fax: 613-992-9422.

Federal Book Rebate (GST/HST) Regulations (SOR/98-351, OIC 1998-1141)

The Regulations lists in a schedule the charities and qualifying non-profit organizations which are eligible under section 259.1 of the *Excise Tax Act* for a 100% rebate of the goods and services tax, or federal portion of the harmonized sales tax, paid on printed books, audio recordings of printed books, and printed versions of religious scriptures.

The effect of the Regulations is to permit the prescribed charities and qualifying non-profit organizations to claim the rebate. The change is estimated to cost less than \$1 million.

The organizations listed include: Action Read Community Literacy Centre of Guelph, Conseil pour l'enseignement de la lecture aux analphabètes de Montréal, Core Literacy Center, Waterloo Region Inc., Friends of the Fredericton Public Library Inc., Haldimand-Norfolk Literacy Council, Journeys Education Association Inc., Le Centre La Magic Des Lettres Ottawa Inc., Literacy Council of South Temiskaming, Literacy Society of South Muskoka, North Algoma Literacy Coalition, Organization for Literacy in Lambton, Peel Adult Learning Network, Prince Edward Learning Centre, Project Literacy Victoria, Quinte Literacy Group, Stevenson-Britannia Community Resource Centre, and Winnipeg Volunteer Reading Aides Inc.

Aeronautics Act, paragraph 5.4(2)(b)

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Excise Tax Act, paragraph (f) in subsection 259.1(1), section 277

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The Regulations are deemed to have come into effect October 24, 1996.

Contact: Kevin White, Sales Tax Division, Department of Finance, L'Esplanade Laurier, 16th floor, East Tower, 140 O'Connor Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G5. Tel: 613-992-9364. Ken Syer, GST Public Service Bodies and Governments Division, GST/HST Rulings and Interpretations Directorate, Revenue Canada, 9th floor, Place Vanier "C", 25 McArthur Avenue, Vanier, Ontario, K1A 0L5. Tel: 613-952-9590.

Fish Meal Remission Order, 1998 (SOR/98-352, OIC 1998-1142)

This Order remits the duty on imports of fish meal, retroactive to June 6, 1991 and up to May 31, 1999.

Fish meal is a protein product primarily used as a feed ingredient in the poultry, livestock, and fish farming industries. Over the past few years, domestic production of fish meal has been insufficient to meet demand, and has decreased as a result of the moratorium on fishing for cod and flat fish. In view of the increasing demand, Canadian imports of fish meal increased in 1997 to \$66 million from 1991 imports of \$11 million. Imports of fish meal are dutiable at 3% under the Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) Tariff, but are Free under the General Preferential Tariff (GPT).

Until recently, imports of fish meal have had to be briefly stored in the United States prior to delivery to Canada because handling facilities for these goods were inadequate in Canada. As a result, transshipping the goods through the United States outside of Customs' control nullified eligibility for the Free GPT rate. Since this technical breach was beyond the control of importers, the fish meal was allowed to enter the country duty-free.

Now that the fish meal industry has been able to largely convert to compartmentalized cargo containers that can be handled in Canadian ports, the majority of imports now qualify for duty-free GPT treatment.

The Order will lapse on May 31, 1999 to allow an assessment of the need for its continuation beyond that date.

Revenue foregone in customs duties as a result of this Order would be approximately \$1.8 million.

Contact: Paul Robichaud, International Trade Policy Division, Department of Finance, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G5. Tel: 613-992-2510.

Contraventions Regulations, amendment (SOR/98-353, OIC 1998-1143)

This amendment adds a number of new contraventions, providing a simplified alternatives to Criminal Code prosecutions for federal offences under the *National Parks Domestic Animals Regulations*.

The contraventions include grazing without a permit, keeping cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, poultry in a park, failing to have a domestic animal under physical control, keeper of a domestic animal permitting the animal to injure another animal or person, and failure to pick up feces.

The amendments come into effect June 18, 1998.

Contact: Michel Gagnon, Director, Contraventions Project, Department of Justice, 284 Wellington, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H8: Tel: 613-998-5669; Fax: 613-998-1175.

Customs Tariff, section 115

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Contraventions Act, sub-section 8

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Medical Devices Fees Regulations, repeal (SOR/98-342, OIC 1998-1074)

The Order repeals the Regulations, effective July 1, 1998.

The Regulations will be replaced by new *Medical Devices Fees Regulations*.

With the revocation of the current *Medical Devices Regulations*, manufacturers of Part V medical devices will no longer be required to submit an application for and hold a notice of compliance to import or sell a medical device in Canada. Consequently, manufacturers will no longer be required to pay the fees for the service provided by Health Canada for the examination of applications for notices of compliance.

Contact: Julie Gervais, Policy Division, Bureau of Policy and Coordination, Therapeutic Products Program, Health Protection Building, Address Locator 0702B1, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0L2. Tel: 613-957-0372; Fax: 613-941-6458; e-mail: Julie_gervais@hc-sc.gc.ca

Financial Administration Act, paragraph 19(1)(a)

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Lancaster Sound Designated Area Regulations, amendment (SOR/98-349, OIC 1998-1133)

The Regulations prescribe the area of Exploration Licence 297 located in Lancaster Sound so that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development may extend the term of the exploration licence by nine years, by way of a separate Ministerial Order.

The extension protects the rights of the holders of the exploration licence. Exploration activity, however, would not proceed without an environmental review.

The exploration licence would be subject to the Nunavut Land Claims Settlement Agreement. When the revised Lancaster Sound [North Baffin] Regional Land Use Plan is approved, the Nunavut Planning Commission will be responsible for determining whether the proposed activity conforms to the land use plan and exploration activity will be authorized only after appropriate environmental screening has been conducted. Without the Regulation, which comes into effect June 18, the exploration licence would expire July 14, 1998.

Contact: Lucie Napert, Chief, Rights Issuance and Policy, Northern Oil and Gas Directorate, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Les Terrasses de la Chaudière, 10 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4. Tel: 819-994-1606.

Canada Petroleum Resources Act, subsection 26(4)

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Safety Management Regulation (SOR/98-348, OIC 1998-1129)

The new regulation ensures that Canada meets its international obligations with respect to certification of Canadian Convention ships and ensures International Safety Management (ISM) Code compliance for foreign ships entering and operating in waters under Canadian jurisdiction.

Canada Shipping Act, section 314, paragraph 657(1)(e) and (k) and subsection 657(2)

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The Regulations were required to be in effect by July 1, 1998, the implementation date of new Chapter IX of the Annex to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) 1974, which incorporates the new ISM Code.

The ISM Code becomes mandatory internationally for convention ships by July 1, 1998 for all passenger ships, including passenger high speed craft; and for oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, bulk carriers and cargo high speed craft of 500 tons gross tonnage and over.

The Regulations list organizations recognized for the purpose of implementing Chapter IX of the Safety Convention.

The Regulations are unchanged from those prepublished in the Canada Gazette Part I on March 28, 1998.

The regulations come into force July 1, 1998.

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Ministerial Orders Approved

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Technical Amendments Order (Customs Tariff) 1998-3 (SOR/98-340); Technical Amendments Order (Customs Tariff) 1998-4 (SOR/98-341)

The Orders correct a number of clerical, typographical and transposition errors and omissions in the nomenclature and rate structure of the new *Customs Tariff* by:

- re-introducing, effective January 1, 1998, a number of tariff preferences for Australia and New Zealand, which were inadvertently omitted during the drafting of Bill C-11 (the new simplified Customs Tariff, effective January 1, 1998);
- repealing, effective the date of these Orders are registered, several Australia/New Zealand tariff rates that were inadvertently introduced in the context of Bill C-11; and,
- correcting other technical errors and omissions in the Tariff schedule, effective January 1, 1998.

The Orders come into effect June 16, 1998.

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Customs Tariff, section 138

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