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D/6/47/IV

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Export Duty on Whale Products.

~~WHALE OIL EXPORTS - TAX ON.~~

First 3 Volumes destroyed in Secretariat fire

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER	
D/1/49	Collection and Refund of Duty on Whale Oil.
D/23/59	Taxation South Georgia

King Edward Point,
South Georgia,
Falkland Islands Dependency.
15th June, 1959.

Dear Sir,

The Duty due to be paid on 1,122,800 kilograms of frozen whale meats exported on board the Calpean Star from Husvik on the 13th June, as stated in your dutiable export declaration, is £618.17. 0. 1,122,800 kilograms being calculated as 2,475,324.800 lbs at the rate of 1 kilo equals 2.2046 lbs.

It is requested that your Company arranges payment of this amount to the Crown Agents, 4 mill Bank, London, for the account of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Government.

Yours faithfully,

F. MATTHEW
Administrative Officer,
South Georgia

To The Winter Manager,
AS Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri,
Husvik.

Note Bill of Entry 22/1959 refers

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A.O. F.I.S.T.
Ag C of C

I for info.

D.C.
3.7.59.

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Thank you. I have taken the liberty of removing the duplicate of (2) & and registered it on my file F.I.S/T/GEN/1. I trust you have no objection.

W.D. Hall.
3/7/59.

H.G.S.

It appears that this amount was paid in South Georgia on the 21st October, 1959 on Receipt No 47922. B/E. 22/1959 refers.

L.S.G.
C of C
1/12/59

2/1/49

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 4.1.60. *Time:* 1125. *Received:* 4.1.60. *Time:* 1500.

Priority.

Reply urgently required.

No. 3. Board of Trade has received application for temporary suspension 10 per cent ad valorem import duty on crude sperm oil for the period April to December 1961. Request similar to that conveyed in my telegram No. 35 FIDEP of 1957.

2. Applicant contracted to buy crude sperm oil produced next season by United Kingdom and South African whalers and are prepared to purchase at world price Commonwealth crude sperm oil becoming available in 1961.

3. Have you any objection temporary suspension?

Secretary of State.

Repd pat 1

GTC : DM

(Intld.) DM

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From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 9.1.61. *Time :* 0945. *Received :* *Time .*

No. 6. Your telegram No. 3.

Sperm oil.

No objection.

Governor.

P/L : DRM/IM.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 12.1.60 *Time :* 1700 *Received :* *Time :*

FIDEP 7. PRIORITY.

South Georgia Revenue. This whaling season has been an extremely bad one and it seems almost certain that Tonsberg will not repeat not operate next season. Salvensen may well follow suit.

2. I believe that the time has come for Govt. to make a gesture to the whaling Companies by a reduction in taxation. Any such gesture is unlikely to keep Tonsberg operating, but it might just swing the balance with Salvesen.

3. I recommend therefore that a flat rate of export duty of 5/-d a barrel should be charged on whale and seal oil exported from South Georgia with effect from current seasons production. At present the companies make a payment of 5/-d in South Georgia on every barrel exported and the balance of duty owing is collected after the oil is sold. This balance amounts to between 2/6d and 3/6d a barrel and is often 2 to 3 years in arrears.

4. The effect of this concession on revenue over a period of 5 years would have been as follows:

	Barrels exported	Duty at 5/-d a barrel	Additional Duty Received or owing
1954/55	209,041	£52,260	£36,584
1955/56	216,539	54,135	37,895
1956/57	162,217	40,554	28,388 (approx.)
1957/58	177,473	44,369	26,621 "
1958/59	134,107	33,527	16,764 "

5. As you are aware any surplus revenue received from South Georgia is used to reduce the amount that H.M.G. pays to maintain F.I.D.S. and contributions from South Georgia to the Antarctic over the past 5 years have been as follows:

1954/55	£142,240
1955/56	102,900
1956/57	117,160
1957/58	88,170
1958/59	100,960

6. If all three whaling companies were to close down a grant-in-aid would be necessary both for the Antarctic and South Georgia. It is in Govt.'s interest to do everything possible to encourage the whaling companies to continue operating and I hope this concession will be approved. I think speed is important and I would much appreciate a telegraphic reply.

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C.4171
13.2.60

Reply at 11.

GTC : MW

See 10

Bel. 31/1/60

Original in F.I.D.S. 116/VII

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From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 13.1.60 *Time:* 1600 *Received:* *Time:*

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No. 10. FIDEP

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Following for Hall. My FIDEP No. 7 South Georgia revenue.

I realise this proposal may not be greeted with much enthusiasm in some quarters but I do attach considerable importance to it

GTC : MW

Original in F.I.D.S. 46

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 22.1.60 Time: 1040 Received: 22.1.60 Time: 1630

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FIDEP 8. Your telegram 8 FIDEP from Hall begins - South Georgia Revenue.

As Tonsberg have already decided not to operate and as Salvensen have said in June last that this season was to be treated as winding up operation it could be argued that there is no reason for letting them off something they already expect to pay. What are reasons for thinking such a gesture for the current season will swing balance. Is it that Companies are already likely to incur some loss and reduced taxation might just enable them to avoid this? Again would not third Company Pesca take over quotas of the other two or do you see ~~obligation~~ monopoly.

2. We might obtain approval for reduction taxation for the next season but will have to make out stronger case for concession on current production. Can you help further?

GTC : SM

Objection

c.c. A/T FIDS
c.c. G.S.O.

J.E. → J.4.

I have incorporated my reactions and views in the attached draft reply – which is on the long side I am afraid.

C.G.J.
26.1.60.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 29.1.60 *Time :* 1500 *Received :* *Time :*

FIDEP NO. 15. South Georgia taxation. Following for Hall.

Considerations and arguments I have in mind are:

1. Land based whaling from South Georgia is now very much of a marginal business. Lower prices, increased production costs, longer post-mortem periods (which reduces proportion of higher priced Grade 1 oil) because whales are further out, enhance the risks and make the financial return proportionately lower. I am reliably informed that Salvesen's decision to operate this year was largely influenced by so narrow a margin as his Whaling Station's agreement to cut their labour force of several hundred by 54 men. When I was in London Salvesen said he wished Government could think of some way of helping his concern (without necessarily helping the others) and von der Lippe raised the question of taxation.

2. There is little doubt that as the season is now going the companies will incur losses, but I cannot predict what the losses will be. Nor can I give an assurance that some relaxation such as I propose will have the desired effect of encouraging the companies to continue to operate. Whaling is a vastly complex business and there are far too many other factors which could affect such a decision. All I can say is that in my opinion some relaxation is necessary and right, and that now is the time to do it.

3. If Pesca alone operates factors to be considered are:-

a) Pesca operating from Grytviken might increase its labour force to some extent but not to the extent of absorbing even a third of the combined labour forces of the other two companies. One need only look at the revenue from income tax to appreciate the implications.

b) In a moderately good whaling season Pesca's factory could probably only handle catches from another seven catchers or 14 in all. (In 1957/8 Salvesen with only six extra catchers had to be instructed at one stage to stop whaling because the factory could not process the whales then being caught).

c) Pesca might repeat might take over Tonsberg plant, but even if they did and even given extra catchers, production and revenue will be less than if Salvesen stays in.

d) Salvesen's repair and maintenance yards at Stromness are of importance to the industry and of value to the pelagic fleets as well. On at least one occasion (i.e. Shackleton) they were of considerable value to FIDS.

e) I am not so much concerned about a monopoly as such as I am at the prospect of having our only revenue earning industry in the Dependencies dependent on the whims and vagaries of Ryan.

4. The proposed reduction would have no affect on revised estimated revenue from export duties/for current year which is made up of down payment of 5/-d plus arrears for 1955/56. Revenue for 1960/61 has been calculated on down payment of 5/-d plus arrears 1956/57 and 1957/58.

5. Even with this reduction, revenue in normal seasons from South Georgia would be more than adequate to maintain Government services in the island and to allow a generous contribution to FIDS.

If there were any vocal political representation in South Georgia, a Government spokesman would have some difficulty in convincing any one that South Georgia has received value for its considerable contributions to revenue from 1954 to 1959.

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B.U. 26.2.60.

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B.U. 8.3.60.

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B.U. 15.3.60.

8.3.60

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B.U. 30.3.60.

15.3.60

Y.E.

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I doubt whether a reminder would do much good at this stage – but it is 2 months!

2.4.60.

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No, lets hang on for a bit.

2.4.60

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B.U. 1 month

4.4.60

Bu. 4/5/60.

Note.

We can but hope that the Governor will be given a decision on this when he is in London.

Pl. bw. after his return.

A.J.T.T
7.4.60.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 20th May 1960 *Time:* 1500 *Received:* *Time:*

FIDEP No.43

I have received following telegram from Tonsberg begins

'You will know about the very unfortunate conditions with low productions last two seasons at South Georgia and we hereby humbly ask you kindly to inform Colonial Office, London, about same and we will be grateful if you will recommend reductions in said export duty which we have contended to be exceptionally heavy.' ends.

Tonsberg debt amounts to £22,407. for duty on 1954/55 and 1955/56 seasons whale oil. We have been pressing for payment since October 1958 and in addition are about to bill them for £10,034. for 1956/57 season making total of £32,441. to which must eventually be added tax on 1958/59 and 1959/60 operations. You will doubtless wish to discuss with the Governor. My views are:

1) We cannot possibly concede these retrospective reductions for apart from other considerations Salvesen and Pesca will justifiably expect similar concessions.

2) Some reduction in duty with effect from 1959/60 season is now imperative. FIDEPS 7 and 15 refer. I understand Salvesen will only operate one pelagic expedition coming season.

As it is now unlikely Tonsberg will pay this £22,000. which has been allowed for in current estimates before end of June consequential adjustments will have to be made in current revised revenue estimates and revenue estimates 1960/61.

BA 13.6.60

O.A.G.

AGDT/MW : CTC

c.c. T.GSH/1 vol.iii
D/6/47/II
D/6/58
FIDS/46 vol.vii
Collector of Customs

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 26.5.60 *Time:* 1808 *Received:* 28.5.60 *Time:* 1000

FIDEP No.35

Your FIDEP No.7, 15 and 43.

I agree Duty on whale oil at South Georgia may be reduced to a flat 5/-d per barrel with effect from 1960/1961 season. This must however be kept under review and I suggest you submit an annual report on position and position re introducing higher rates.

No.112. So far as Tonsberg's request is concerned I agree retrospective reduction cannot possibly be made and Tonsberg should be informed accordingly.

GTC

Original on D/6/47/II
Copies to D/I/49/vi
D/13/58
Collector of Customs

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TELEGRAM.

From The Officer Admistering the Government

To The Administrative Officer, South Georgia

Despatched : 28th May *19* 60 *Time :* 1000

Received : *19* *Time :*

No.104

Secretary of State has approved proposal for reduction in whale oil duties to a flat rate of 5/-d per barrel with effect from 1960/1961 season. Managers should be informed accordingly but it should at the same time be made clear to them that the rate of duty will be kept under review and may be increased again if whaling improves.

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P/L : MW

Original on D/6/47/IV
copies on D/I/49/vi
Collector of Customs

Note Accounting Officer F.I.D.S. has been informed and is noting the decision on his file.

28.5.60.

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The Registrar, Supreme Court.

Would you please, in conjunction with the Collector of Customs, draft the necessary amending legislation to give effect to the decision to reduce the rate of duty to a flat 5/-d per barrel on whale and seal oil with effect from the 1960/1961 season – payable on export.

A.G.T.T.

AGDT/MW
28th May 1960

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Sy. Jl.,

Draft amending Order "A" and alternative Resolution, drafted in consultation with C. of C., submitted, please.

In case of urgency the O.i.C. may be made by the Governor in Council (sec 6(1) Cap 16) otherwise the Resolution could be passed by Leg. Co. (sec. 5 Cap 16).

J.R.B.
Legislative
9.6.60.

See note at n 22 below.
A.G.T.T.
20.6.60.

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Office.

Please attach papers on the allocation in the wool tax.

A.G.T.T.
11.6.60.

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Note.

If the amendments are made by Exco in the form of an Order by the Governor in Council – then it must be submitted to the Legislature within 21 days for 'ratification'

In this case I think the best procedure is to shape the draft under into a Legco resolution and submit to Exco. for approval to go forward to the Legislature.

A.G.T.T. 20.6.60.

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For consideration at the next meeting of Council.

SMP 1974
8th July, 1960

MEMORANDUM NO. 29 FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Export Duties on Wool and Whale and Seal Oil

Members will recall that at the last meeting of Executive Council it was agreed that the present scale of export tax on wool should be replaced by an ad valorem tax with effect from and in respect of the 1960/61 wool clip and calculated on the following basis:-

	Ad valorem rate of duty
When the average gross selling price is less than 20d per lb . .	Nil
Reaches 20d but is less than 60d	3½%
" 60d " " " " 80d	4%
" 80d. and above	5%

2. The provisions that will be required to give effect to this decision have been incorporated in the draft resolution which is attached to this memorandum and which will have to be submitted to the Legislature. It will be noted that the resolution provides for each farm to be assessed separately. The following comparative figures will be of interest to Members -

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I Comparison between actual export duty paid and amounts payable had duty been assessed at an overall ad valorem rate of 3½% for the 1958/59 and 1959/60 financial years.

Clip	Financial Year	lbs of wool sold	Average selling price	Export Tax at 3½%	Export Duty Paid
1957/58	1958/59	4,551,347	41.408d	£27,484	£28,452
1958/59	1959/60	4,532,079	47.94d	£31,688	£28,389

II Comparison between receipts from the ad valorem rates and the present rates of duty based on a production figure of 4,468,750 lbs.

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- See Appendix A -

3. Members are also asked to approve a proposal to reduce the incidence of taxation on the whaling industry in South Georgia by means of a reduction in the rate of duty on whale and seal oil production. At present duty is assessed on the average market price per ton for the season of first grade oil and is at the rate of 6d per barrel of 40 gallons for each £5 or part of £5 of such average market price. The companies do in fact pay 5/- per barrel before export and the balance (usually about 2/- 3/-) when all the oil for that season has been disposed of and the average price determined.

4. The production costs of the industry have risen considerably. In addition to the normal increase in the costs of wages, supplies and equipment, the South Georgia based catchers are having to operate a good deal further out to sea, thereby increasing running expenses and the post mortem time of the whales before processing, a factor that effects the quality and grade of oil produced. After consultation with the Secretary of State (the United Kingdom Government is of course closely concerned financially because any reduction in revenue from South Georgia will mean a corresponding increase in H.M.G's contributions to the Dependencies Survey) it has been agreed that some

reduction/.....

reduction in taxation that will encourage the companies to continue operating is not only equitable but in fact essential. It is therefore proposed to reduce the rate of duty to a flat 5/- per barrel payable on export. The net effect will be a reduction in the South Georgia revenue of approximately £20,000 a year at the present average price of £75 per ton. The overall revenue from South Georgia will still be more than sufficient to finance the administration and the annual subvention to the Colony. The necessary provisions to give effect to this proposal are contained in the attached draft resolution.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY

AGDT/LH

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THE CUSTOMS ORDINANCE (CAP. 16)

RESOLUTION

(under section 5 of the Ordinance)

No. 1960.

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Legislative Council by section 5 of the Customs Ordinance, it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Council as follows:-

Short title

1. This Resolution may be cited as the Customs (Amendment) Resolution, 1960.

Amendment of paragraph 3 of the Customs Order

2. Paragraph 3 of the Customs Order is hereby amended as follows:

(a) by deleting the words and comma "Commencing with the 1950/51 season," at the beginning of the paragraph and by substituting a capital letter for the small letter in the word "the";

(b) by deleting the words and figures from "When the average gross selling price per lb. of the whole Falkland Islands clip does not exceed 15d., nil." to the figures and words "10.5d. per lb." and substituting the following words and figures:

"Commencing with the 1960/61 season at the following ad valorem rates on the average gross selling price per lb. of the whole clip of each farm and butchery specified in the Schedule hereto:

	Ad valorem rate of duty
When the average gross selling price is less than 20d	Nil
Reaches 20d but is less than 60d	3½%
" 60d " " " " 80d	4%
" 80d and above	5%";

(c) by deleting the words and figures from "The duty shall be assessed" to the words and figures "£5 of such average market price" and substituting the following words and figures:

"Commencing with the 1960/61 season at the rate of 5/- per barrel, payable on export, for every barrel of 40 gallons exported.".

Addition of Schedule to the Customs Order

3. The following Schedule shall be added to the Customs Order:

"SCHEDULE

Farms and Butcheries

1. Carcass Island
2. Chartres
3. Darwin (including Walker Creek and Lively Island)
4. Douglas Station
5. Fitzroy North and Bluff Cove
6. Fitzroy South (including Port Harriet and land in the holding of the Falkland Islands Company Limited to the North of the Wickham Heights)

7. Fox/.....

7. Fox Bay East (including Dunnose Head and Packe's Port Howard)
8. Fox Bay West (including Spring Point)
9. Hill Cove
10. Johnson's Harbour
11. McGill's butchery
12. Moody Valley
13. Mullet Creek
14. New Island (including Hummock Island)
15. North Arm (including Bleaker Island)
16. Pebble Island Group (including Grand and Steeple Jason Islands)
17. Port Howard
18. Port Louis North
19. Port San Carlos
20. Port Stephens
21. Rincon Grande
22. Roy Cove
23. Salvador
24. San Carlos
25. Saunders Island
26. Sea Lion Islands
27. Sparrow Cove and Weir Creek
28. Speedwell Island Group
29. Teal Inlet
30. The Falkland Islands Company's butchery
31. Weddell Island Group (including Beaver Island and the Passage Islands)
32. West Point Island (inluding Dunbar and Low Islands).".

Resolved by the Legislative Council this day of , 1960.

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

APPENDIX A

Average selling price	Amount received	Duty payable on Ad valorem basis	Duty payable on the basis of the present rate	
15d and under		-	-	
16	297,917	-	9,310	
17	316,536	-	9,310	
18	335,156	-	9,310	½d
19	353,776	-	9,310	
20	372,396	13,034	9,310	
21	391,016	13,686	13,965	
22	409,635	14,337	13,965	
23	428,255	14,989	13,965	
24	446,875	15,640	13,965	
25	465,495	16,292	13,965	¾d
26	484,115	16,944	13,965	
27	502,734	17,596	13,965	
28	521,354	18,247	13,965	
29	539,974	18,899	13,965	
30	558,594	19,551	13,965	
31	577,214	20,202	18,620	
32	595,833	20,854	18,620	
33	614,453	21,506	18,620	
34	633,073	22,157	18,620	
35	651,693	22,809	18,620	1d
36	670,312	23,461	18,620	
37	688,932	24,113	18,620	
38	707,552	24,764	18,620	
39	726,172	25,416	18,620	
40	744,792	26,068	18,620	
41	763,411	26,719	27,930	
42	782,031	27,371	27,930	
43	800,651	28,023	27,930	
44	819,271	28,674	27,930	
45	837,891	29,326	27,930	1½d
46	856,511	29,978	27,930	
47	875,130	30,629	27,930	
48	893,750	31,281	27,930	
49	912,370	31,933	27,930	
50	930,989	32,585	27,930	
51	949,609	33,236	37,240	
52	968,229	33,888	37,240	
53	986,849	34,540	37,240	
54	1,005,469	35,191	37,240	2d
55	1,024,089	35,843	37,240	
56	1,042,708	36,494	37,240	

Average selling price	Amount received	Duty payable on Ad valorem basis	Duty payable on the basis of the present rate	
57	1,061,328	37,146	37,240	
58	1,079,948	37,798	37,240	2d
59	1,098,567	38,450	37,240	
60	1,117,187	44,687	37,240	
61	1,135,807	45,432	46,549	
62	1,154,427	46,177	46,549	
63	1,173,047	46,921	46,549	
64	1,191,667	47,667	46,549	
65	1,210,286	48,411	46,549	$2\frac{1}{2}$d
66	1,228,906	49,156	46,549	
67	1,247,526	49,901	46,549	
68	1,266,146	50,646	46,549	
69	1,284,766	51,391	46,549	
70	1,303,385	52,135	46,549	
71	1,322,005	52,880	55,859	
72	1,340,625	53,625	55,859	
73	1,359,245	54,370	55,859	
74	1,377,865	55,115	55,859	
75	1,396,484	55,859	55,859	3d
76	1,415,104	56,604	55,859	
77	1,433,724	57,349	55,859	
78	1,452,344	58,094	55,859	
79	1,470,964	58,839	55,859	
80	1,489,583	74,479	55,859	
81	1,508,203	75,410	65,169	
82	1,526,823	76,341	65,169	
83	1,545,443	77,272	65,169	
84	1,564,062	78,203	65,169	
85	1,582,682	79,134	65,169	$3\frac{1}{2}$d
86	1,601,302	80,065	65,169	
87	1,619,922	80,996	65,169	
88	1,638,542	81,927	65,169	
89	1,657,161	82,858	65,169	
90	1,675,781	83,789	65,169	
91	1,694,401	84,720	74,479	
92	1,713,021	85,651	74,479	
93	1,731,641	86,582	74,479	4d.
94	1,750,260	87,513	74,479	
95	1,768,880	88,444	74,479	
96	1,787,500	89,375	74,479	

Average selling price	Amount received	Duty payable on Ad valorem basis	Duty payable on the basis of the present rate	
97	1,806,119	90,306	74,479	4d
98	1,824,740	91,237	74,479	
99	1,843,359	92,168	74,479	
100	1,861,979	93,098	74,479	
101	1,880,599	94,030	83,789	$4\frac{1}{2}$d
102	1,899,219	94,961	83,789	
103	1,917,839	95,892	83,789	

Note: Figures in the ad-valorem column have been calculated as follows:

20-59	$3\frac{1}{2}$%
60-79	4%
80 and over	5%

Rd 29.8.60
Min Exec

This is the file for the legislation on whale oil

R.S.C.

H.E. has directed that the Resolution on wool, whale and seal oil be taken in two parts - the whale oil at the next meeting of Leg. Co. on the 27th of this month. Would you pl. put up a draft Resolution on the whale and seal oil as this is urgent and must go to Leg. Co. this month.

It may be convenient for you to put up the two Resolutions at the same time but pl. treat as urgent.

D. Chr
6.9.60.

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Hon. Col. Sec.,

45 Draft amending Resolutions (2) submitted in duplicate pl.

35/42. H. B.
a/Ad. 6.9.60.
8/9.

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For consideration at the next meeting of Council.

SMP D/6/47/II
10th September, 1960.

Memorandum No. 36 for Executive Council.

EXPORT DUTY ON WHALE AND SEAL OIL.

Please refer to Memorandum No. 29 for Executive Council.

Because of the absence on leave of some of the members of Council it has been decided to defer consideration of the question of the proposed ad valorem export tax on wool and take the question of duty on whale and seal oil separately. A draft Resolution dealing solely with the export duty on oil is attached for consideration at the forthcoming meeting prior to submission to the Legislature.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DRM/LH

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1960.

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D/6/47/II 13. EXPORT DUTY ON WHALE AND SEAL OIL. (Memo. No. 36)

Council approved the submission to the Legislature of a Resolution reducing the rate of duty on whale and seal oil. This reduction was considered reasonable in view of the increased production costs and the necessity for ensuring that the companies are not discouraged from operating by the burden of too heavy taxation.

D. R. Morrison

Ag Clerk of Executive Council.

F. I. ref: 0301 & D/6/47/II

C. O. ref:

LHT S

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 17th October, 1960.

No. 188. SAVING. COLONY.

Legislation.

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Enclosed herewith are six copies of the following legislation:-

Regulation No. 1/60.

Resolution No. 1/60.

GOVERNOR

FH

Customs Ordinance (Cap. 16)

RESOLUTION

(under Section 5 of the Ordinance)

Governor.

No. 1 of 1960.

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Legislative Council by section 5 of the Customs Ordinance, it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Council as follows:—

1. This Resolution may be cited as the Customs (Amendment) Resolution, 1960. Short title.

2. Paragraph 3 of the Customs Order is hereby amended by deleting the words and figures from "The duty shall be assessed" to the words and figures "£5 of such average market price" and by substituting therefor the following words and figures: Amendment of paragraph 3 of the Customs Order.

"Commencing with the 1960/61 season at the rate of 5/- per barrel, payable on export, for every barrel of 40 gallons exported.".

Resolved by the Legislative Council this 27th day of September, 1960.

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

Ref. D/6/47/II.

Kiv 23

fol 5.5.61

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C of C

F.P. w/drawn. Reports at back cover

18.1.61

H.6.5 54

Reports noted as requested.

19.1.61.

B.U. 5.5.61
to KIV

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OUR REF: ABM/GE

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30 DEC 1960 19

His Excellency The Governor of the
Falkland Islands Dependencies,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

Whale and Sperm Oil.

ack b.c.

We have pleasure in enclosing a copy of our Whale and Sperm Oil Booklet for 1960/61 and should be obliged if you would kindly acknowledge safe receipt.

We are,

Your Obedient Servants,
for DAVID GEDDES & SON LTD.

Director.

Reply at 56.

56

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G.,

25th February 1961

Gentlemen,

55 refers

Thank you for sending me your 'Whale Oil and Sperm Oil' booklet for 1960/61, which I have read with much interest.

I see that in the list of contents the three land stations at South Georgia appear under the heading Argentina. As no doubt you are aware, South Georgia is a Dependency of the Falkland Islands, and Argentina's claims to the Falkland Islands and her Dependencies have never been admitted by Her Majesty's Government. May I suggest it would be more appropriate if these three stations were listed under Britain.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Messrs. David Geddes & Son Ltd.

57

C of C

Pl withdraw whale oil catch reports.

27.2.61.

58.

H.C.S.

Report w/d as requested. Thank you.

1/3/61.

59

DECODE.

No. 34.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 8.3.61 *Time:* 1030 *Received:* 8.3.61 *Time:* 1530

CONFIDENTIAL

202 in D/3/60.

No. 25. My telegram No. 122.

Duty on Whale Oil.

I have had an appeal in letter from Salvesen and in interview at this office from Clark of Albion Star for

750 in D/1/49/VI

(i) remission arrears of duty as in your Savingram No. 176 and

(ii) removal duty altogether with effect from October 1st 1960.

In supporting (i) Salvesen claimed operating losses £37,000 for 1959/60 season and "a total of £212,000" on operations in two seasons 1958/59 and 1959/60. It does seem therefore that Whaling Companies were harder hit in two bad years than was realized when your S/T was considered and if figures of losses for these years can be substantiated (as I suppose they must for Income Tax purposes) and information also provided as to profit in the years 1956/57 and 1957/58 I will reconsider question of arrears. Profitability years in question should also take into account any - equipment (which understand was extensively) undertaken in these years (especially 1957).

I could not consider reduction duty below present level of five shillings unless it were clearly established that rate was so high as to cause danger of companies failing to make reasonable profit taking one year with another in the near future.

I should be grateful if you would obtain as far as possible figures from Companies to support claim mentioned in paragraph 2 of your Savingram and for your recommendations in the light of these and previous profits whether arrears of duty should be remitted for two bad years (or possibly for 1956/58 as well if companies results warrant going so far) and whether duty now charged should be reduced or removed.

Secretary of State

G.T.C. : LH IM
Typed. : LH

(Intld.) DM

Original in: D/1/49/VI
Copies in: D/6/47/IV
D/3/60
62 D/6/58

KIV para 1 of 2

We are prepared to send an annual refund but I think it is all so obvious at present that we need not send any. Actually I am sure it will never be reintroduced.
BU next year 1/5 after Shaking refund has been abolished
DT 24/4/61

61

HC/

Para 1 of 23 submitted for information. NFA at present
24.4.61

DECODE.

No. 3.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 4.12.61 *Time:* 1020 *Received:* 4.12.61 *Time:* 1500

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 93. Duty on whale oil. I can now agree to:-

(i) reduction duty to nominal 1 shilling per barrel for season 1961/62 position to be reviewed at end of present season

(ii) for companies which have continued to whale (Albion Star) half of arrears on oil actually sold to be paid now.

Payment of ~~amount~~ amount & ~~arrears~~ remaining due ~~on oil sold and~~ arrears due ~~to be paid later~~ to be reconsidered at end of season.

2. If you agree I would be grateful if you will inform companies. I will inform Salvesens and Clark if you wish.

3. Please act on these assumptions in reply to my recent telegram about F.I.D.S. estimates.

Original in: D/1/49/VI
Copy in: D/6/47/IV
Copies to: AO/FIDT.
C. of C.

Legal authority

G.T.C. : LH

64

RSC.

Would you pl. prepare draft legislation to implement decision at (i) of 63

65.

28.12.61

Hon. Col. Sec.,

We discussed. Draft Resolution submitted. pl.

H.B.

9.1.62.

After 66

to be included in Leg Co agenda

9/01/62

DECODE.

No. 111.

TELEGRAM.

~~600~~ 67

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched :	11th January,	*19*62	*Time :* 1400
Received :	12th January,	*19*62	*Time :* 1015

No. 8. Have received letter from Manager of Albion Star requesting confirmation of telegrams received from Clark in which he says "whale oil tax now one shilling per barrel effective this season" as nothing known here of alteration to rate of export duty grateful your comments.

Administrative.

Reply at 68

P/L : TB.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 16th January, *19*62 *Time :* 1300

Received : *19* *Time :*

67 No. 10. Your telegram No. 8.

On instruction of Secretary of State legislation is being prepared for submission to Council early next month to reduce rate to 1/- per barrel effective this season. Very much regret you were not advised of proposed measure

S/c 69 Secretary

S/mare of Draft Resolution cd 2nd for Submission to Leg Co Members. 62

G.T.C. : TB

Reply at

Y. E.

I had at first thought that as the duty on whale oil only affects South Georgia it might be put through as a Dependencies Order by Y.E. without it having to go through Council and R.S.C. also thought this would be possible. But on thinking it over for the reasons which I have put in to the draft Ex. Co. Memorandum I think it ought to go through the usual procedure of legislation as did the last amendment in 1960. I think it would be alright if I explained the position to the unofficial members of Leg. Co. when they meet for the S.F.C. Meeting and the legislation can be formally passed at the Meeting after that having been through Ex. Co.

1st February, 1962.
RHDM/FH

71

HCS

We spoke. A Dependencies Order.

2.2.62

72.

MGC
Could you make out a Dependencies order

2/2/62.

73

Hon. Col. Sec.,

Draft Dependencies Customs (Amendment) Order submitted, please.

H.B.
6.ii.62.

Back (Put to Sec
Charge to Sir H Webb
explain circumstances
2/2/62

I would like to discuss 73 with
PSC on Monday. But
this does not answer about 183
with reference to WOOL!

JC 8/2/62

BD Wednesday ~~Monday~~ ~~12~~ 14. 2.62

D/6/47/IV

0466/II

0738.

HCT is dealing with this & I wrote something to him yesterday.

0466/11

with 183

Did we get a reply?

DR 7/2/62.

VCD

~~Yes sir~~. Action has been taken on some file as I saw today a draft Dependencies order. I know the file now – the Duty on whale oil file.

D Rhys 7.2.62

73 m 21/6/47/IV

A.I. Ref: D/6/47/IV.

75

26th February, 1962.

Dear Sir Henry,

The whaling companies operating at South Georgia have in the past two years sustained heavy operating losses and one has closed down. An appeal has been made to reduce the present export tax of 5/- per barrel to 1/-, which in the light of falling prices has been considered favourably.

76. A draft Order to bring this into effect for the 1961/62 season is enclosed herewith and I should be pleased to receive your comments.

At present the Customs Order applies to the Colony as well but since there is no whaling or sealing in the Colony now the amendment will in fact only affect South Georgia.

Hence it is thought sufficient to make an Order applying to South Georgia.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) R.H.D. Manders.

Sir Henry Webb,
c/o Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

RHDM/TM.

Reply 23

DECODE.

No. 285.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : *19* *Time :* 1710

Received : 21st February, *19* 62. *Time :* 1045

68

No. 48. Your telegram No. 10.

Is anything known yet please. Have account outstanding pending decision and another shipment will be made end March.

Administrative Officer

78.

I am sorry we should be held up in the contents of 63 saying that legal sanction for the procedure will be obtained in due course or it should be waived in future. Do so urgently 22/2/62

P/L : IH

49

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 27th February, *19* 62 *Time :* 1555

Received : *19* *Time :*

77 No. 47. Your telegram No. 48.

Secretary of State agrees:-

(i) reduction duty to nominal 1 shilling per barrel for season 1961/62 position to be reviewed at end of present season

(ii) for companies which have continued to Whale (Albion Star) half of arrears on oil actually sold to be paid now.

Payment of amount remaining due on oil sold and arrears due to be paid later to be considered at end of season.

2. Legal sanction for procedure will be obtained in due course meanwhile rate in para 1 should be implemented.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C.
DRM/TB

80

DECODE.

No. 392.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 28th February, *19* 62 *Time :* 1820

Received : 1st March, *19* 62 *Time :*

79

Unnumbered. Your telegram No. 47. From group No. 23 to group No. 58 decoded but not understood. Grateful for check and repeat enlarging on subject matter to clarify.

Administrative Officer

Reply at 84

Group 23 to 58
Checked and found
correct as sent.
TB. 2.3.62.

81
pl mark
w 49
What Gr does not
pl 23/58

P/L : TB
(Intld.) HLB

82

MC!

AO. D Georgia does not understand from "(11) to the end of the paragraph.

D Gen
5.3.62

83

Send in letter
from Sy Lin mark

8/3/62

84

D/6/47/IV

6th March, 62.

To: Administrative Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

Duty on Whale Oil

80
79

Your unnumbered telegram of 28th February. Following is repeat of text of my telegram No. 47 of 27th February.

"Secretary of State agrees:-

(i) reduction duty to nominal 1 shilling per barrel for season 1961/62 position to be reviewed at end of present season

(ii) for companies which have continued to Whale (Albion Star) half of arrears on oil actually sold to be paid now.

Payment of amount remaining due on oil sold and arrears due to be paid later to be considered at end of season.

2. Legal sanction for procedure will be obtained in due course meanwhile rate in paragraph 1 should be implemented."

See 101

(Sgd.) H.L. Bound

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DRH/TH

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 150.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 14th March, *19* 62. *Time :* 1900

Received : 15th March, *19* 62. *Time :* 1000

84 No. 74. Reference your memorandum D/6/47/IV dated 6th March. Does this also apply to seal oil 1961/62 season. If possible grateful immediate reply please.

Administrative Officer

Yes 15/3/62.

P/L : MH

Reply at 86.

86

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

(W. & S. L[redacted]250 Pd/7/59).

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			15.3.62

To

etat ADMIRHOFF SOUTH GEORGIA DEPSA/c

85 No. 58. Yourtel 74 yes

Secretary

Time DPM/LH

Bu 9.4.62(75)

DECODE.

No. 55.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 23.3.62 *Time:* 1547 *Received:* 24.3.62 *Time:* 1000

Reply urgently required.

No. 36. My telegram No. 3 1961. Sperm oil.

Similar request received from Board of Trade for period April to December 1962 to that conveyed in my telegram under reference.

2. Have you any objection temporary suspension.

Reply at 89

Secretary of State

88

G.T.C. : LH

M.C.

A similar request was granted in Jan. 61

✓ (See 6+7) Would Y.E. approve temporary suspension pl?

24.3.62

24/3/6

89

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 26.3.62 *Time :* 1010 *Received :* *Time :*

PRIORITY

87 No. 44. Your telegram No. 36.

Sperm oil.

No objection.

Governor

P/L : TB

Bu 9.4.62 (75)

Highlands Hotel.
Crowborough.
Sussex. 18.3.1962.

93

Yours sincerely.
Henry Fields

75 Ref. your D/6/47/IV of 20.2.1962.

Dear Flanders,

I approve the Draft Order sent with your letter of above reference. I notice, however, that the clause in the Customs Order is headed "Duties on Whale Oil and Seal Oil" but seal oil is not mentioned in the body of the clause. If seal oil is produced perhaps the clause should be amended to read - "This duty will be levied on all whale oil and seal oil produced within the Colony and its territorial waters or within any of the Dependencies or their territorial waters".

94

Seal oil is included
Make the order
according to plan
RR Taylor

S/c Please speak
95 1.5.62

RSC.
Will you pl. prepare
the necessary amendment.
96
Hon. Col Sec.
Before proceeding,
has 76 been brought into
force
H.B.
3.V.62.

1.5.62

RS.C 97

No. We send it to Sir H. Leg. 25 ie when we have got his reply

25/5/62

RSC 98

We therefore. Hop will amend for Dependencies

25/5/62 99

Hon. Col. Sec.

We discussed. You were considering wether the amendments should be made by Dependencies O.i.C. or partly by Dep O.i.C and partly by Resolution in Leg. Co.

H.B.
21.V.62. 100

Wed 23.5.62

Hon. Col. Sec.,
draft O.i.C
, pl.
H.B.
25.V.62.

Sender's name and address:

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The Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office.
STANLEY.
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Via MONTE VIDEO.

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DECODE.

No. 111.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 20th June, *19* 62 *Time* : 1725

Received : 21st June, *19* 62 *Time :*

84

No. 155. Export duty whale oil. Reference your memo D/6/47/IV of 6th March, 1962. Albion Stars total whale and seal oil production for season 1961/62 charged on export at the rate of one shilling per barrel. In addition Albion Star exported on 1st April, 1962 6153 barrels whale oil held over from 1960/61 season and duty on this quantity levied at five shillings per barrel which they paid without query.

2. Clark now claiming that this should have been also charged at prevailing rate of one shilling. Do not agree as this was 1960/61 production. Salvesen paid five shillings on their total production for 1960/61. Do not see why Albion Star should benefit, by delaying export, to extent of four shillings per barrel. If we agree to this Salvesen and Albion Star could claim that all 1960/61 production should be at new rate. Grateful you confirm that export duty on 1960/61 season production correctly levied at five shillings irrespective of date of export.

Administrative Officer

P/L : TB

See 63. The reduction is from the 1961/62 season i.e. applies to oil taken in that season. Reply "I confirm correctness of the last sentence"

22/6/62.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			22.6.62

To

etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA DEPSA/c

101 No. 124. Yourtel 155 stop Export Duty Whale Oil stop I confirm correctness of the last sentence

Officer Administering the Government

Time RB/TB

DECODE.

No. 183.

104

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched. 29th June, 1962 *Time:* 1855

Received: 29th June, 1962 *Time:* 1500

101

No. 170. Export duty on Whale Oil. In view of Clarks claim mytel No. 155 refers may be advisable when framing legal sanction your memorandum No. D/6/47/IV dated 6th March, 1962 paragraph (i) after ~~per barrel~~ to insert on oil produced during the season 1961/62.

84

Administrative Officer

105

RSC
for consideration
pm.

P/L : TB
(Intld.) HLB

Y. H.

104 is very sound advice indeed. The commencement of the amendment in para. 2 of the draft Order could be altered by deleting the words "Commencing with" and substituting the words "Produced during" if the reduced duty rate is to stand for the one season only, otherwise the amendment will require re-casting

H. B.
5. vii. 62.

DECODE.

No. 33.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 4.7.62 Time: Received: 5.7.62 Time: 1030

CONFIDENTIAL

SG. No. 5. My telegram No. 93 of December 4th 1961. Duty on whale oil.

Albion Star have complained that the old rates of duty have been demanded on No. 3 oil produced in 1960/61 because it was not exported until 1961/62.

2. I am advised duty should be at the rate in force at the time of export paragraph 2 of the Customs (Amendment) Resolution No. 1/1960 and definition "export" in paragraph 2 Ordinance No.6/1956.

3. Grateful your comments.

Secretary of State

Original in : D/1/49/VI
Copy in : D/6/47/IV
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C of C

G.T.C. : TB

Says that comments are being sent by the next mail
and which will be filed as ~~Annex~~ Correspondence with DO on the
subject also that FIDEPS 7 & 15 reference to
id 729 q. D1/149/21.

5/7/62.

KIV – 106.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 9.7.62 *Time:* 1145 *Received:* *Time.*

107 SG. No. 7. Your confidential telegram SG No. 5. Duty on whale oil. My comments are being forwarded by next outward mail leaving here 23rd July

Officer Administering the Government

P/L : RB/TB

See 117.

Original in : D/6/47/IV
Copy in : D/1/49/VI

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

To A.O., SOUTH GEORGIA

Despatched : 14th July 1962 *19* *Time :*

Received : *19* *Time :*

No.143

103 My telegram 124 of 22nd June. Secretary of State queries this ruling. Ruling seems justifiable on grounds that word season appearing in original Order and Amendment must mean whaling season, i.e. season in which it was produced, since there is no selling season but there is ruling of 22nd October 1952 that rate depends on time of export and I am told duty was always recoverable on this assumption. Legislation not yet passed but it seems undesirable to take advantage of this administrative delay to make law have any other affect than was originally intended. To uphold my contention in 124 therefore it would be necessary to argue that duty has been wrongly assessed in all the years past. If therefore nothing is involved except export duty on 6153 barrels perhaps it will be best to admit claim. Could I have your views and a report as to whether there could be any other repercussions.

CYPHER 'E' : MW

106
KIV - 109

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Action on 106 to revise order on 110

S 17/7/62.

Bn 24.7.62.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative, South Georgia.

To O. A. G.

Despatched :	19th July,	*19* 62	*Time :*	1940
Received :	20th July,	*19* 62	*Time :*	1100

No. 189.

Your telegram No. 143.

110

Interpretation original order by Manager and Secretary Albion Star and also by myself was that order was intended to grant relief on 1961/62 Season production whale oil and in addition generously extended to include seal oil. Clark's claim now seems to take unfair advantage ~~re amply~~ intended and generous original intention. If matter becomes known to Salvesens it may well have repercussion involving considerable sum please refer to O.I.C. telegram 109 and 114 June 1961 in which is quoted Salvesen's opinion on export duty for 1960/61 on which he paid in protest but without prejudice to his contention.

of well

176 + 181in
5/6/58/II

113.

CYPHER 'E' : SC
_____ in GTC

Pl verify the words underlined
JR 24/7/62.

114

Mrs. Clements,

Would you verify words underlined as requested in f. 113, pl.

for C.S.
24.7.62.

115

C.S.O.

Asked S.G. to repeat groups. Only one group was sent wrongly and words underlined should now read " of well intended "

Slo
26/7/62.

116

Summary to S of C approved – W.r.to 109 we should now send a telegram saying that further consultation with AO will be necessary on the 12 refs. this was written with the will go on the wire

Mail
JE 28/6/62

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 2.8.62 *Time:* 1545 *Received:* *Time:*

129 SG. No. 11. My telegram SG. No. 7. Further consultation with Administrative Officer South Georgia was necessary and the reply has now been written and will be forwarded next mail.

Officer Administering the Government

PL : RB/TB

Original in D/6/47/IV
D/1/49/VI

F. I. ref: D/6/47/IV

C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 3rd August, 1962.

No. 116 SAVING. COLONY

107 Your confidential telegram SG No. 5 of 4th July, 1962.

Duty on whale oil.

This matter started with a telegram from the Administrative
101 Officer dated the 20th June, 1962, which read as follows:-

"Albion Stars total whale and seal oil production for season 1961/62 charged on export at the rate of one shilling per barrel. In addition Albion Star exported on 1st April, 1962, 6153 barrels whale oil held over from 1960/61 season and duty on this quantity levied at five shillings per barrel which they paid without query.

Clark now claiming that this should have been also charged at prevailing rate of one shilling. Do not agree as this was 1960/61 production. Salvesen paid five shillings on their total production for 1960/61. Do not see why Albion Star should benefit, by delaying export, to extent of four shillings per barrel. If we agree to this Salvesen and Albion Star could claim that all 1960/61 production should be at new rate. Grateful you confirm that export duty on 1960/61 season production correctly levied at five shillings irrespective of date of export."

I agreed with his interpretation. In answer to a further query raised as a result of your telegram the Administrative Officer
112 replied as follows on the 19th July, 1962:-

"Interpretation original order by Manager and Secretary Albion Star and also by myself was that order was intended to grant relief on 1961/62 Season production whale oil and in addition generously extended to include seal oil. Clark's claim now seems to take unfair advantage of well intended and generous original intention. If matter becomes known to Salvesens it may well have repercussion involving considerable sum please refer to O.I.C. telegram 109 and 114 June 1961 in which is quoted Salvesen's opinion on export duty for 1960/61 on which he paid in protest but without prejudice to his contention."

176 + 181 in D/6/58/II

The legislation to give effect to your decision conveyed
63 to me by your telegram No. 93 of the 4th December, 1961, has for one reason and another been delayed and is now awaiting the next Executive Council meeting after the return of His Excellency the Governor in October. It was proposed to draft the law so as to provide for reduction of duty to 1/- per barrel "for oil produced in the season 1961/62", so as to leave no room for any doubt in the matter.

It appears/..

F. I. ref:

C. O. ref:

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date:

No. SAVING.

It appears therefore that what is required is not an interpretation of the law, since no law has actually been passed, but the honouring of an undertaking. This undertaking was presumably given by you and was conveyed to me by your telegram No. 93 of 4th December, 1961. If in fact an undertaking was given that the reduced duty would be levied on all oil exported after the 1st October, 1961, then there is no more to be said. But, if this particular question was not gone into, and the undertaking given was in fact that 'the duty would be reduced for the season 1961/62' then I would submit that we are perfectly entitled to charge at the old rate for all oil produced in the 1960/61 season. As pointed out in your telegram of the 4th July duty is payable on export and "export" is defined in the Customs Ordinance. But surely we are not considering now the time at which the duty should be paid but the manner in which it should be assessed. If it had been intended to charge the reduced duty on all oil with effect from the 1st October, 1961, surely this would have been said in so many words. The use of the word "season" can only refer to the "season in which whale oil is taken ", since there is no "season" for exporting it, and indeed the oil in question was not exported during any season. The natural meaning which one would give to the words "reduction for season 1961/62" surely would be that the duty should be reduced on oil produced in that season. The only possible reason for a different interpretation is that in fact under the old Customs Regulation whereby the duty had to be assessed on the average market price for the season the duty was in fact assessed at the time of sale. This was presumably the only practicable way of working the order, though whether or not it was legally correct I am not sure. In spite of this I would still submit that if anyone were to be informed that the duty would be reduced for the "season" 1961/62 the natural interpretation that he would put upon these words is that the reduction would take place in respect of oil produced in that season.

63

I agree with the Administrative Officer that it seems slightly unfair that Albion Star merely by delaying export should gain a concession which was not enjoyed by Salvesens and I would suggest that unless the Companies were specifically informed that the reduction would take place with effect from the 1st October on all oil exported after that date, the reduction should take place in respect of the oil produced during the 1961/62 season and that the full 5/- should be charged on the oil produced in the 1960/61 season and exported after the 1st October, 1961.

Officer Administering the Government

RHDM/FH

BW 1.11.62 for reply

DECODE.

No. 30.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 4.9.62 *Time:* 1720 *Received:* 5.9.62 *Time* 1015

CONFIDENTIAL.

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S.G. No. 13. Your savingram No. 116. Whale oil.

Your paragraph 3. Clark not informed by me. Please see your telegram 158/61. Have you any record communication?

793 in D/1/49/VI

Secretary of State

Copied GTC. : LH
Original in D/1/49/VI
Copy in D/6/47/IV

See 121

F. I. ref: D/6/47/IV

C. O. ref:

121

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 7th September, 1962.

No. 141 SAVING. COLONY

Duty on Whale Oil.

194 in 8/149/VI

I enclose a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Clark on 22nd December, 1961.

It now appears that there was no undertaking that the reduction would take place in respect of any oil produced before the 1961-62 season and that a decision will have to be made on the present matter in the light of that fact. I would suggest that the full 5/- should be charged on the oil in question for the reasons given in my Saving-ram 116 of 3rd August, 1962.

118

Officer Administering the Government

RHDM/FH

See 120

Draft

CUSTOMS ORDINANCE (Cap. 16)

ORDER

(under section 6 (1) of the Ordinance)

No. of 1962.

Governor

Cap. 16.

His Excellency the Governor in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 6(1) of the Customs Ordinance, is pleased by and with the advice of the Executive Council to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:-

Short title. Rev. Ed. Vol. II p.141.

2. This Order may be cited as the Dependencies Customs (Amendment of Duty) Order, 1962, and shall be read as one with the Customs Order, hereinafter referred to as the principal Order.

Amendment of paragraph 3 of the Customs Order.

2. Paragraph 3 of the Customs Order is hereby amended by deleting the words and figures from "Commencing with the 1960/61 season at the rate of 5/- per barrel" to the words and full-stop "their territorial waters." and by substituting therefor the following words and figures:

> "Commencing with the 1961/62 season at the rate of 1/- per barrel, payable on export, for every barrel of 40 gallons exported.
>
> This duty will be levied on all whale oil and seal oil produced within any of the Dependencies or their territorial waters.".

Made by the Governor in Council the day of , 1962.

Clerk of the Executive Council

Ref: D/6/47/IV.

y. E. Correspondence from LOI submitted.

If we win the hounds 123 will need amendment as at 104 & 100

Perhaps we had better take no action till we get a reply to 121

or

20/10/62.

22.10.62

BJ 15.11.62 (R 121)

125.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 155.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 24th October, *19* 62. *Time :* 1730

Received : 25th October, *19* 62. *Time :*

110, 112 No. 275. Grateful any further information reference your cypher 143 and mine 189.

Administrative Officer

126

Matter fwd to S of S where reply is awaited

P/L : LH
Underlined in G.T.C.

Reply at 127.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			29.10.62

To

etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA SGA/c

125 No. 230. Yourtel 275 matter put to Secretary of State whose reply is awaited

Secretary

BW 15.11.62 (R 121)

No reply 15.11.62

Time RHDM/LH

F. I. ref: D/6/47/IV

C. O. ref:

128

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 16th November, 1962.

No. 172 SAVING. COLONY

121 My Savingram 141 of 7th September, 1962.

Duty on Whale Oil.

I should be most grateful if this matter could now receive your early consideration.

GOVERNOR

Reply at 153

MLB/PH

BU 20 ~~15~~.12.62
Mai

FI.54/353/01.

BUF

129

'aving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 19 November, 1962.

No. 99 Saving

121

Your savingram No. 141 Colony of 7th September.

Whale Oil Duty

130

I enclose a copy of a letter sent to Mr. D.J. Clark

2. I am advised that if it is proposed to pass legislation so as to provide for reduction of duty to 1/- per barrel "for oil produced in the season 1961/62" so as to leave no room for doubt in the matter a safer course than to rely on a Resolution under Section 5 of the Customs Ordinance (which Resolutions are usually prospected) would be to enact a special Ordinance.

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3. I am sending a copy of the savingram to Sir Henry Webb.

SECRETARY.

16 November, 1962.

FST.54/353/01.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Duncan Sandys to refer to your letter of June 27th about the payment of export duty on whale oil produced in the season 1960/61 in South Georgia and exported in 1962/63.

The legislation in force covering export duty on whale and seal oil is the Customs Ordinance (Cap.16) with amendments and the Customs (Amendment) Resolution 1960. A copy of each is enclosed. Legal sanction has not yet been given to the decision to reduce the rate of export duty to 1/- for the season 1961/62 conveyed to you in the Colonial Secretary's letter of 22nd December, 1961, (copy enclosed). It is not Government's intention to apply the reduced rate to oil produced in earlier seasons and exported in 1962/63.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. J. CLARK, ESQ.

mail from 129

131

how we can get the legislation
passed so that AO. we
[illegible] can confirm by letter
no need to telegraph
[illegible] 20/12/[illegible]

D/6/47/IV

27 December, 62.

To: Administrative Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary, SOUTH GEORGIA.

Export Duty on Whale Oil

I refer to my telegram 230 of 29th October, 1962, regarding the question of whale oil duty for the year 1961/62 and to inform you that the Secretary of State has now advised that the better course would be to enact a special ordinance to provide for this particular period.

2. Accordingly I am submitting a draft Bill to Executive Council for consideration at their next meeting and will advise you when the legislation has been finally enacted.

3. The law will provide for reduction of duty to 1/- per barrel "for oil produced in the season 1961/62".

(Sgd) H.L. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

HLB/FH

133

RSC.

129-131 WSA. You please draft the necessary legislation

28.12.62

134

Hon. Col. Sec.,

Attached draft Dependencies Customs (Whale Oil and Seal Oil Duty) Ordinance, submitted, please.

H.B.
14.ii.63.

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OUR REF. ABM/GE

YOUR REF.

2nd January, 1963

His Excellency The Governor of the
Falkland Islands Dependencies,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

Whale and Sperm Oil

b.c.

We have pleasure in enclosing a copy of our Whale and Sperm Oil Booklet for 1962/63 and shall be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge safe receipt.

We are,

Your Obedient Servants
for DAVID GEDDES & SON LTD.

R.D. Morton

Director.

Reply 136

Kw 134.

Ref: D/6/47/IV.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

18th February, 1963.

Sir,

135 I am directed to refer to your letter ABM/GE of the 2nd January, 1963, and to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your whale and sperm oil booklet for 1962/63.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H.L. Bound

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Messrs. David Geddes & Sons Ltd.,
28 Bush Lane,
LONDON, E.C.4.

HLB/IM.

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OUR REF: ABM/GE

YOUR REF:

4th January, 1963

Sir,

Whale and Sperm Oil Booklet.

In the Booklet which we sent to you on 2nd January, we have erroneously listed on Pages 1 and 25 under the heading Argentina, Albion Star (South Georgia) Ltd. This should of course, be listed under the heading Britain. We apologise for the error which has occurred.

We are,

Your Obedient Servants,
for DAVID GEDDES & SON LTD.

abmurphy
(A.B. Murphy)

His Excellency The Governor of the
Falkland Islands Dependencies,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

138

Sir
Pl. amend accy

139

Done

22.2.63

140

CJC

I'll withdraw booklet

DEW

27.2.63

HBS

141

Booklet h/d and is now on record in this office.

HG. b of b

27.2.63

Dec. 8.3.63 (for main file).

~~135~~ 142

S.E.

Draft ordinance may be approved.
This at last legalizes and finishes up the question of reduction of duty to 10.

Please see 129.

19/2/63.

BD 20.2.63

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21.2.63

137. 143.

Note:
Draft Ordinance sent to Printer today

1/3/63.

BU 15.3.63

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CONFIDENTIAL

SMP D/6/47/IV

For consideration at the next meeting of Council.

MEMORANDUM NO. 17/62 FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Amendment of Whale Oil Duty

Honourable Members will recollect that the need to reduce the export duty on whale oils from South Georgia was referred to at the previous meeting of Council.

2. It is necessary that an amendment of the Customs Regulations should be formally passed by Council to legalise this. A draft order is therefore enclosed which will be brought up for consideration at the next meeting.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

145

This has been withdrawn. I don't think it was ever sent out. The necessary legislation for S.G. has been passed by H.E. This should be withdrawn from Ex Co agenda.

RHLM/FH

CONFIDENTIAL

P.A.

146

Assented to in Her Majesty's name this 11th day of March, 1963.

Governor.

No. 2 1963

Falkland Islands Dependencies.

IN THE TWELFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

SIR EDWIN ARROWSMITH, K.C.M.G.,

Governor.

An Ordinance

To make provision for a reduction in the rate of export duty payable on whale oil and seal oil produced during the 1961-62 season. Title.

ENACTED for the Dependencies of the Colony of the Falkland Islands by the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies thereof, as follows — Enacting clause.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Customs (Whale Oil and Seal Oil Duty) Ordinance, 1963. Short title.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Customs Order, export duty on whale oil and seal oil produced within any of the Dependencies or their territorial waters during 1961-62 season shall be at the rate of one shilling, payable on export, for every 40 gallons or part thereof exported. Export duty on whale oil and seal oil.

Promulgated by the Governor on the 11th day of March, 1963.

Colonial Secretary.

Ref. D/6/47/IV.

Ref: D/6/47/IV

Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

12th March, 1963.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 3

SOUTH GEORGIA

Sir,

146

I have the honour to forward herewith for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and ten printed copies of Dependencies Ordinance No. 2 of 1963, entitled "An Ordinance To make provision for a reduction in the rate of export duty payable on whale oil and seal oil produced during the 1961-62 season".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd) E. P. Arrowsmith.

GOVERNOR

BU 10.5.63(R)

The Right Honourable
Duncan Sandys, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

DECODE.

~~815~~ 148

No. 51.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 22.3.63 *Time:* 1705 *Received:* 23.3.63 *Time:* 0855

No. 19. Import duty on sperm oil.

See 87-89

Grateful to learn by 29th March whether you would be agreeable to extension of present temporary suspension of import duty (due to expire on 1st May 1963) to end of year.

Secretary of State

Reply at 150

149

G. E.

allowed in 1961 & 1962 and also previously (before lost in fire)

P/L : LH

2R no objection R 23/3/63

Later. H to check.

R. no objection DR 23/4/63

150

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 25.3.63 *Time:* 0905 *Received:* *Time:*

148 No. 28. Import duty on sperm oil. Your telegram No. 19.
No objection.

Governor

151

P/L : [illegible]/IH

C of C / to note pl.

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25.3.63

148

Noted

26.3.63.

Bu 10/5/63(R)(147)

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Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 13 February, 1963

No. 14 Saving

128

Your savingram No. 172

Whale Oil Duty

154-158

Copies of correspondence with Albion Star and Sir Henry Webb are enclosed.

On the question of the arrears of duty careful consideration has been given to the proposals in your savingram of 8th January 1962 and earlier correspondence, but it is regretted that agreement cannot be given to the waivure of arrears of duty. Every effort must therefore be made to secure payment of the arrears by the whaling companies. This would mean in the case of Albion Star the full arrears of duty owed and not merely the 50% mentioned in Colonial Office telegram No.93 of 4th December 1961.

798 in D/1/49/VI

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2. The Companies concerned have not been informed of this decision.

Original filed in D/1/49/VI where action is being taken.

SECER.

JH.

154

14 February, 1963

FST.54/353/01

Thank you for your letter of 28th November about whale oil duty.

The savingram No.99 was mistyped and the parenthesis should have read "(which Restrictions are normally prospective)".

Our legal adviser considered that it would be safer to enact a special ordinance rather than use the normal procedure of a Customs Declaration under § 5 of the Customs Ordinance because Customs Resolutions are generally prospective and in the case under reference the proposed legislation is to give statutory effect to a reduction of export duty in respect of a past transaction, namely, the export of which oil produced in the season 1961/1962 and has, in a sense retrospective effect.

(R.O. Pettitt)

SIR HENRY WEBB.

155

11 February, 1963

PST.54/353/01
CJC/EC

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Duncan Sandys to refer to your letter of 3rd December about whale oil duty.

Government's decision as regards the duty on whale oil exported in 1961 is as expressed in the Government Secretary's letter of 22nd December 1961. The form of legislation to give effect to the reduction of export duty from 5 shillings per barrel to 1 shilling per barrel, in respect of whale oil produced in the season 1961/1962 has not yet been decided; but whatever form it takes it will bear no room for doubt that in accordance with the Government's decision referred to above, the reduced rate of duty applies only to oil produced and exported in the season 1961/1962.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D.J. CLARK ESQ.

156

Highlands Hotel

Crowborough.

28. 10. 1962

Dear Pettitt,

Savingram No.99 of 19/11 - Whale Oil Duty - is not understood by me. The normal procedure for imposing or altering Customs duties is by Resolution under Section 5 of the Customs Ordinance. Why is it considered "safer" to enact a special Ordinance? And what does the parenthesis "(which Resolutions are usually prospected)" mean?

Yours sincerely,

(sgd)

Henry Webb.

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Treasury Chambers
Great George Street, London S.W.1.

[illegible]-CF.234/235/01
Your ref. FST.54/353/01

7th December, 1962

Dear Whitefield,

Thank you for your letter of 18th October about the question of remission of arrears of duty on whale oil produced in South Georgia in the years 1956/57 to 1959/60.

2. We have given careful consideration to this and we are not convinced that we should be justified in waiving the arrears of tax for the years in question. In spite of our agreement in 1960 to a reduction in tax to a flat rate of 5s. 0d. a barrel and again in 1961 to a reduction in the tax to a flat rate of 1s. 0d. a barrel, all whaling companies have now ceased to operate from South Georgia, and it is not suggested that waiving of arrears of tax would restore the position and the fact that the profitability of whaling has declined is not in itself a proof that the tax was inequitable. If it did in all the circumstances bear unduly severely on the whaling companies, that is still not necessarily a reason for remitting arrears; but only for reducing the current levels - which is what was in fact done.

3. In these circumstances, therefore, I am afraid we must insist on every effort being made to secure payment of arrears of tax by the whaling companies involved.

/4. We

G. H. Whitefield Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Sanctuary Buildings,
Great Smith Street,
LONDON S.W.1.

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4. We note that it is unlikely that any revenue from this source will be forthcoming before 31st March, 1963, and since this will affect the amount of grant-in-aid required during the current year you will be writing to us in due course.

(F. G. Burrett)

159.

The correspondence deals with two matters.

The date from which the reduction to 6s was to take effect has been fixed and legislation has passed and is at 146. H.F.A measure.

The question of recovery of arrears will now have to be pursued. Paint to H.C.T for action & then to H.C.E for information on return.

H.C.T
5-374/62

Hon C.T. 160

As above pl.

6.4.63

S/C. 161

This has been dealt with from another file. Will you pl. quote the file reference.

AC S 162

826 in D/1/49/v1 attached.

4.7.63

Pl.

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COLONIAL OFFICE

GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON, S.W.1

No. 68

Your reference: D/6/47/IV

Our Ref: FST 54/60/01

24 July 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 3 of the 12 March 1963 and to inform you that the power of disallowance will not be exercised in respect of the undermentioned Ordinance.

~~Law~~.
~~Act~~.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Duncan Sandys

The Officer Administering
the Government.
FALKAND ISLANDS

No.	Year	Short Title
2	1963	Customs (Whale Oil and Seal Oil Duty) Ordinance, 1963

(E3878) Wt 62641—8244 2m 5/61 V.B. Gp 791

GAZETTE NOTICE

No. 35.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

4th September, 1963.

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Intimation has been received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance in respect of the following Ordinance~~s~~ of the Dependencies:-

No.	Title.	Ref.
2 of 1963	Customs (Whale Oil and Seal Oil Duty) Ordinance, 1963.	D/6/47/IV

By Command,

L. Cummins

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

MF /FH

CLOSED

See Volume V

A 6 T.

He spoke regarding the additional duty in respect of the 1959/60 season. From records kept in this office I can only trace the Sale Certificates for oil shipped and sold by Salmon of Leith Harbour which averaged £71-10-0 per ton for 1st Grade oil, then if other Stations received the same, then the duty sale for that season would be 7/6 per barrel.

Assuming this, then I estimated that the additional amount still outstanding will be £14,078. made up as follows

Pesca	£6,757
Leith	4,059
Tunberg Co.	3,262
	£14,078

office.

Please note. Excise Duty on whale oil. The draft order requires amending (see file.) (Unless something from Cmnd gives Sec of S vest more).

JR.

I am sending the list to HCT. This note can be detached.

[See 10.6] NFA until mail is received.

HCS

I have been unable to trace the actual file covering the ruling about whale oil, but from Departmental file the attached memorandum was addressed to me by the Colonial Secretary in October, 1902.

H.G.
C. of C.

(2)

No. [redacted]65/F

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

MEMORANDUM.

22nd October, 1952.

From: Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: Collector of Customs,

STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- Whale Oil Duty. - Your Memorandum of 13th October.

I am directed to inform you that the Auditor's interpretation of Customs Order (No.3) 1948, that oil belongs to the season in which it is exported is correct.

2. Had the Compania Argentina de Pesca paid duty on the oil when it was first exported they would have been entitled to a refund of such duty upon its re-entry, and would have become liable to duty at the rate ruling when it was finally exported.

3. It was finally exported in the 1950-51 season, and duty at the then ruling rate of 11/6d should be collected.

4. A copy of this memorandum has been sent to the Auditor.

J.E. Buisson.

for Colonial Secretary.

SS

13th October, 52.

From

The Honourable,

The Acting Colonial Secretary,

The Collector of Customs,

Stanley.

I have the honour to forward herewith, a Memorandum received from the Local Auditor in respect of some 2053 barrels of whale oil exported by the Compania Argentina de Pesca.

On the 25th April, 1949, this Company exported 3660 barrels of whale oil by the s.s. "Harpon", being part of the 1948/49 production. This oil was re-landed at South Georgia in November, 1949. Of this parcel 1,607 barrels were re-exported in April, 1950, and duty was collected at the rate of 9/- per barrel (being the duty assessed on the average market price for the 1949/50 season.) The remaining 2,053 barrels were not re-exported until 15th December, 1950, by the s.s "Betty Ryan" and the duty collected by the Deputy Collector at South Georgia was at the 1949/50 rate. This was apparently approved by my predecessor because he has entered in red in the export ledger the amount £923. 17. 0. as a final payment. The payment was made in December, 1950 which is long before the 1950/51 rate of 11/6 per barrel was known.

I would therefore be grateful for your ~~comments~~ instructions on this subject.

Collector of Customs.

Prices quoted by Meade King Robinson & Co. Ltd.

31. [redacted]. 55 Crude Whale Oil No. 1 Grade £90 per ton

1956	
30/6/56	£91 .. .
30/9/56	£92 .. .
31/12/56	£95 .. .
1957	
31/3/57	£91 .. .
30/6/57	£86 .. .
30/9/57	£82 .. .
31/12/57	£82 . .
1958	
31/3/58	£80 . .
30/6/58	£80 .. .
30/9/58	£77 . .
31/12/58	£77 .. .
1959	
31/3/59	£76 . .
30/6/59	£81
30/9/59	£77 . ..

Note: Salmon sold last year production at £72

Actual prices paid and notified to Collector of Customs

1951/52	Season -	Average price	£90.	4. 9d.
195[illegible]53	"	"	"	£70. 16. -d.
1953/54	"	"	"	£67. 12. 2d.
1954/55	"	"	"	£80. 1. 3d.
1955/56	"	"	"	£84. 12. 1d.
1956/57				
1957/58	Not collected as yet			
1958/59				

Average for 5 year period £78. 13. 3d.