

No. 254I

**NETHERLANDS,
BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION
and
SWITZERLAND**

Tariff Convention. Signed at Brussels, on 12 February 1949

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**PAYS-BAS,
UNION ÉCONOMIQUE BELGO-LUXEMBOURGEOISE
et
SUISSE**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2541. TARIFF CONVENTION¹ CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION, ON THE ONE HAND, AND SWITZERLAND, ON THE OTHER. SIGNED AT BRUSSELS, ON 12 FEBRUARY 1949

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Belgian Government, acting under existing agreements both on its own behalf and on behalf of the Government of Luxembourg, on the one hand,

And the Swiss Federal Council, on the other hand,

Desiring to promote the development of trade and for that purpose to conclude an agreement on the application of their respective Customs tariffs,

Considering that the tariff provisions of the Treaty of Commerce concluded in 1929² between the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union and Switzerland have become inoperative by virtue of the additional agreements of 31 December 1947 and 30 June 1948,

And considering that the Treaty of Commerce and Friendship concluded in 1875³ between the Netherlands and Switzerland, and the Additional Protocol of 1877³ do not contain any tariff clauses,

Have agreed on the following provisions :

Article 1

The natural or manufactured products of the Customs territory of Switzerland enumerated in List A shall be entitled, on importation into the territory of the Belgium-Luxembourg-Netherlands Customs Community, to the duties established in that list.

Article 2

The natural or manufactured products of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union enumerated in List B shall be entitled, on importation into the Customs territory of Switzerland, to the duties established in that list.

¹ Came into force on 4 January 1954, twenty days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification which took place at Berne on 15 December 1953, in accordance with article 5.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CV, p. 9.

³ De Martens : *Nouveau Recueil général de Traités*, deuxième série, tome IV, p. 689.

Article 3

The present Convention shall also apply to the Principality of Liechtenstein for as long as the latter is connected with Switzerland by a Customs union treaty.

Article 4

The present Convention is concluded for an indeterminate period, each party reserving the right to denounce at any time with effect as from the end of the quarter of the civil year following the quarter during which the denunciation is notified. Denunciation may not take effect, however, before 30 June 1950.

Article 5

The present Convention shall be ratified. It shall enter into force twenty days after exchange of the instruments of ratification at Berne. The three Governments agree to carry it into effect provisionally, however, not later than 1 March 1949.

DONE in triplicate at Brussels on 12 February 1949

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LIST A

DUTIES CHARGEABLE ON IMPORTATION INTO THE TERRITORIES OF THE BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG-NETHERLANDS CUSTOMS COMMUNITY

<i>Tarif No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Duty applicable</i>
26c	<i>Cheese, hard or semi-hard</i>	15 %
ex 59	<i>Apples, pears and quinces, fresh :</i>	
	<i>a. Apples :</i>	
	1. From 1 February to 31 May inclusive	6 %
	2. From 1 June to 31 January inclusive	12 %
	<i>b. Pears :</i>	
	1. From 1 February to 31 May inclusive	6 %
	2. From 1 June to 31 January inclusive	12 %

Tarif No.	Description of goods	Duty applicable
292	<i>Prepared medicaments or medicaments in doses and other pharmaceutical preparations :</i>	
	a. With alcohol ¹	12 %
	b. Without alcohol ¹	12 %
446	<i>Threads of silk, floss silk or floss silk waste, pure or mixed, prepared for retail sale</i>	12 %
450	<i>Other fabrics, not elsewhere specified (A.I.)</i>	15 %
458	<i>Embroidery (A.III)</i>	15 %
ex 487	<i>Passementerie (B.V.) :</i> Braids, bands and fancy articles of the braid type, intended exclusively for the manufacture of hats	6 %
488	<i>Embroideries (B.V.)</i>	15 %
523	<i>Cotton yarn, twisted</i>	4 %
526	<i>Cotton yarn, put up for retail sale :</i>	
	a. Not glace, put into hanks or balls, without support or with other support than bobbins, paper tubes, cops and the like	10 %
	b. Other	12 %
ex 527	<i>Cotton fabrics, unfigured :</i> Fabrics with a plain weave (<i>voile</i>) weighing from 4 to 6 kilogrammes, inclusive, per 100 square metres, having in warp and weft, in a square of 5 millimetres side, 20 to 27 single threads or 40 to 54 single threads, respectively : — unbleached — dyed : cream-coloured — dyed otherwise — bleached or mercerized	12 % 12 % 15 % 15 %
ex 528	<i>Cotton fabrics, figured :</i> ex a. broché : Muslin, broché (<i>plumetis</i>)	12 %
ex 531	<i>Gauze-woven cotton fabrics :</i> Marquissette weighing from 4 to 7 kilogrammes, inclusive, per 100 square metres, having in warp and weft, in a square of 5 millimetres side, 20 to 27 single threads or 36 to 54 single threads respectively	12 %
540	<i>Cotton embroideries</i>	12 %
ex 558	<i>Passementerie of flax, hemp, ramie or other textile materials of chapter 49 :</i> Braids, bands and fancy articles of the braid type, exclusively intended for the manufacture of hats	8 %
ex 582	<i>Hosiery of pure or mixed wool :</i>	
	a. Of pure wool :	
	ex 4. Underwear : Chemises and drawers for women, Belgian sizes 40 and over and Netherlands sizes 38 and over, weighing not more than 1,800 grammes per dozen articles	18 %

¹ In the case of imported products put up for retail sale, the entry duties are calculated on the basis of the retail selling price diminished by 15 per cent.

² These entry duties may not be lower than those which would have been payable if the products had been listed under No. 159 bis.

Tarif No.	Description of goods	Duty applicables
	ex 5. Articles not specially mentioned : Dresses and costumes for women, Belgian sizes 40 and over and Netherlands sizes 38 and over, weighing not more than 1,200 grammes	20 %
	b. Of mixed wool :	
	ex 4. Underwear : Chemises and drawers for women, Belgian sizes 40 and over and Netherlands sizes 38 and over, weighing not more than 1,200 grammes	18 %
ex 590	<i>Handkerchiefs :</i>	
	ex c. Of flax, hemp or ramie : Embroidered handkerchiefs, except those simply hemmed with embroidery stitch, of flax, pure or mixed with cotton	15 %
	ex b. Of cotton or other materials : Embroidered handkerchiefs, except those simply hemmed with embroidery stitch, of cotton	15 %
ex 591	<i>Shawls, scarves, fichus and foulards :</i>	
	ex a. Of printed silk, of square shape	18 %
	ex c. Of wool	20 %
ex 602	<i>Other leather footwear with leather or rubber soles :</i>	
	b. Footwear with soles 23 centimetres or more in length	24 % or, at the importer's option, per pair : fr. 76.— or fl. 4.60
609	<i>Hat forms of plaits, bands or threads of textile materials, of paper, or of materials derived from cellulose or like materials</i>	15 %
ex 712	<i>Tube and pipe couplings and flanges not elsewhere specified :</i>	
	a. Of Malleable cast iron	8 %
ex 729	<i>Bolt- and screw-makers' wares, threaded, such as screws, bolts, ring bolts, threaded hooks, sleeper screws, nuts, etc., of iron, steel or malleable cast iron :</i>	
	ex c. Bolts, nuts, metal screws and others, turned or <i>décolletés</i>	10 %
750	<i>Other cutting tools for working metal, wood and other hard materials, by hand and by machine (such as scissors, milling-cutters, drills, boring augers, plane irons, screw taps, etc.)</i>	6 %
ex 766	<i>Screws, bolts, washers, nuts, ring bolts, wormed stems and the like, of copper turned or <i>décolletés</i></i>	8 %
ex 773	<i>Nickel manufactures, not elsewhere specified or included :</i>	
	ex a. Simply worked :	
	ex 1. Screwmakers' wares, turned or <i>décolletés</i>	8 %
822	<i>Steam engines without their boilers</i>	6 %
ex 823	<i>Explosion and internal combustion engines :</i>	
	b. Other :	
	ex 3. Engines other than stationary Diesel engines of 5,000 H.P. or more	6 %
824	a. Hydraulic turbines	6 %
843	b. Printing presses and machines	6 %
ex 848	d. Machine tools, other (specified in the annexed list)	6 %

<i>Tarif No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Duty applicable</i>
ex 852	<i>Calculating machines and separate parts thereof</i>	8 %
ex 854	<i>b. Apparatus for testing materials, weighing 250 kg or more</i>	6 %
ex 859	<i>Electric generators, motors and converters; transformers; choking coils:</i>	
ex a.	<i>Dynamos, motors and rotary converters, weighing more than 10 kg each</i>	8 %
ex b.	<i>Transformers and static converters, weighing more than 10 kg each</i>	8 %
ex 863	<i>Electric starting-, lighting-, and signalling-apparatus for motor vehicles and for cycles:</i>	
ex b.	<i>Lighting apparatus, including dynamos, for bicycles</i>	18 %
872	<i>b. Electricity metres</i>	10 %
926	<i>a. Apparatus for testing materials, weighing less than 250 kg</i>	10 %
928	<i>Pocket watches, wrist-watches and similar watches</i>	10 %
929	<i>Other watchmakers' and clockmakers' wares with watch movements</i>	10 %
930	<i>Watch-cases and parts thereof</i>	10 %
933	<i>Clocks for buildings and movements therefor</i>	12 %
934	<i>Other clocks, also electrical, including alarm clocks</i>	12 %
935	<i>Watchmakers' and clockmakers' movements, and detached parts thereof not elsewhere specified or included:</i>	
a.	<i>Watchmakers' and clockmakers' movements</i>	12 %
b.	<i>Other</i>	6 %

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ex 848	<i>Machine tools:</i>	
ex b.	<i>Vertical boring and turning lathes, including turret lathes</i>	
	— Jig-boring machines	
	— Thread stitching machines	
	— Centering machines	
	— Multiple-spindle drilling machines, ordinary and special types	
	— Deep drilling machines, horizontal and vertical	
	— Gear milling machines	
	— Machines for cutting gears by milling, planing and hobbing	
	— Gear-finishing machines (including gear-grinding machines)	
	— Cylindrical-grinding machines, external:	
	ordinary, universal, roller-grinding, crankshaft-grinding and others	
	— Cylindrical grinding machines, internal:	
	ordinary, chuck type,	
	others	
	— Surface grinding machines (including types for light industry):	
	rotary-table, horizontal and vertical,	
	reciprocating-table horizontal or vertical spindle,	
	others (including planing type)	
	— Thread-grinding machines	

<i>Tarif No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Duty applicable</i>
ex 848 (cont'd)	— Grinding and honing machines, except gear-grinding machines	
	— Polishing and burnishing machines (including types for light industry)	
	— Turret lathes (except vertical turret lathes) :	
	bench type	
	ram type	
	sliding carriage type	
	— Automatic chuck lathes :	
	with single spindle	
	with multiple spindles	
	— Automatic centre lathes :	
	with single spindle	
	with multiple spindles	
	— Automatic threading lathes	
	— Bench milling machines :	
	with single cutter	
	with multiple cutters and machines of special type	
	— Planing and milling machines	
	— Die-copying and hollowing machines	
	— Cold circular saws	
	— Sawing and filling machines (including band saws)	
	— Screwing machines	
	— Tube-threading machines	
	— Horizontal and radial boring machines	
	— Linear and circular dividing machines	6 %

LIST B

DUTIES CHARGEABLE ON IMPORTATION INTO SWITZERLAND

<i>Tarif No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Rate of duty per 100 kg.</i>
		Fr. c.
ex 36a	Grapefruit	3.—
	Vegetables, fresh :	
ex 40b2	— Brussels chicories (Witloof)	10.—
57a	Chicory roots, dried	1.—
62	Cocoa butter	15.—
63	— Cocoa powder, chocolate paste	50.—
64	Chocolate	50.—
86	Eggs	15.—
90a	Fresh mussels	10.—
	<i>N.B. ad 126a and 127a. "Arak" brandy is admitted under these numbers</i>	
185	Leather transmission belting	110.—
ex 187	Leather hat bands	50.—
206	Flower bulbs and tubers	45.—
	Trees, shrubs and other living plants :	
	— In tubs or pots :	

<i>Tarif No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Rate of duty per 100 kg.</i>
		Fr. C.
208a	— — Phoenix, kentias, cocos, arecas, cycas, chamaerops, pandanus and other palms; heathers and ericas	5.—
208b	— — Other	10.—
	— Not in tubs or pots :	
209	— — Without earth adhering to the roots	10.—
210	— — With earth adhering to the roots	6.—
ex 292	Straw boards, weighing more than 400 grammes per square metre, with the edge in its natural state on one side at least, in sheets of half a square metre or more in surface	8.—
301	Printing and writing paper, note paper and drawing paper, of one colour, other than newsprint under No. 300	25.—
306d	Paper and board with chalk overlaid on one face only, not worked; chalk overlaid on both faces, or covered with chalk overlay paper; crinkled or perforated; adhesive paper	40.—
ex 307d	Sensitized paper, for photography	40.—
359	Cotton yarn put up for retail sale (on reels, in balls, or skeins, folded in flat layers—double yarn, English knitting yarn—, etc.)	100.—
	Cotton fabrics, plain or twilled :	
364a	— Bleached, mercerized, impregnated, weighing 6 kg. or more per 100 square metres	170.—
365a	— Dyed, weighing 6 kg. or more per 100 square metres	180.—
367	— Woven of dyed threads	180.—
	Cotton coverings (bed covers, table covers, etc.), made to size :	
378	— Without needlework or passementerie, even with fringes made in the weaving or merely knotted	200.—
379	— With passementerie or needlework	230.—
	Yarn of flax :	
	— Unbleached, single :	
ex 398a	— — Above No. 5 up to and including No. 24 English	25.—
398b	— — No. 25 English and above	6.—
ex 399c	Yarn of sisal, unbleached, single, for binding sheaves and hay	15.—
	Flax yarn, boiled, lye-washed, creamed, bleached :	
ex 400	— No. 25 up to No. 40 English inclusive	6.—
ex 401	— Other	25.—
ex 402	Hemp yarn, dyed, printed	40.—
ex 403	Hemp and sisal yarn, twisted	40.—
405	Fabrics made of jute, unbleached, having in a square of 5 millimetres side less than 9 threads	4.—
	Flax fabrics :	
	— Unbleached, having in a square of 5 millimetres side :	
ex 406	— Less than 9 threads	30.—
ex 407	— 9 to 12 threads, inclusive	40.—
ex 408	— 13 to 20 threads, inclusive	65.—

Tariff No.	Description of goods	Rate of duty per 100 kg.
		Duties on unbleached fabrics increased by :
ex 411a	— Boiled, lye-washed, creamed, bleached	40 %
ex 412	— Dyed, printed	30 %
ex 413	— Woven of dyed yarn	30 %
		per 100 kg. Fr. C.
	Linen coverings (bed covers, table covers, etc.) made to size :	
ex 417	— Without needle work or passementerie, even with fringes made in the weaving, or merely knotted	200.—
ex 418	— With passementerie or needlework	230.—
474	Woollen fabrics, bleached, dyed, printed, woven of dyed yarn (fabrics of carded or combed wool) weighing more than 300 grammes per square metre	190.—
	Mats, carpets, etc., made of the materials enumerated in Tariff Nos. 502 and 503 of the General Tariff :	
506	— Crude, not ornamented	35.—
507	— Other	50.—
	<i>N.B. ad 506/507.</i> Mats, carpets, etc., of coconut fibre are admitted under Tariff Nos. 506/507, even if containing up to 5 per cent of sisal yarns (calculated for the total number of yarns).	
ex 522	Inner tubes and pneumatic bandages, rubber, with internal layers of metals or tissues	20.—
607	Slates for roofing	2.—
670	Paving slabs and tiles of stoneware, of one colour, smooth or fluted, as also those of more than one paste and of more than one colour, not glazed or enamelled	5.—
	Crude glass (cast glass), such as roofing glass and glass tiles, glass floor and wall slabs, so-called "Diamond" glass :	
683	— Natural colour, plain or figured	8.—
684	— Coloured, dull, polished, etc.	10.—
685	— Cathedral glass, of any colour	5.—
	<i>N.B. ad 685.</i> As a concession, cathedral glass of which the maximum thickness does not exceed 4.4 millimetres is also admitted at the duty of Tariff No. 685.	
	Hollow glass and glassware :	
691a	— Of black, brown or green glass : bottles	8.—
	<i>N.B. ad 691a.</i> As "bottles" within the meaning of Tariff No. 691a are regarded glass articles having the usual shape of ordinary wine or beer bottles.	
	— Polished, engraved, coloured (of coloured glass), gilt, etc., even combined with other materials, except precious metals :	
694a	— Photographic dry-plates (including film-packs or roll films)	40.—
694c	— — Other	40.—
ex 699	Vitrifications, enamel	5.—

<i>Tarif No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Rate of duty per 100 kg.</i>
		Frs C.
ex 700b	Insulating glasswork in the form of multiple glass plates, with metal joints	25.—
	Plate glass, not silvered (other than that coming under Tariff No. 704c/d) :	
702a	— Not exceeding 5 ½ millimetres in thickness	20.—
702b	— Other	20.—
ex 742	Pipes of iron having an interior diameter of less than 40 centimetres, rough, tarred, primed, whether or not the ends are worn or socketed, not riveted, except pipes no longer showing hot-rolling scales	1.—
	781b Kitchen ranges and heating stoves, iron, other than electric	25.—
ex 785b	Galvanized wire netting	25.—
ex 788b	Manufactures of sheet iron, not elsewhere specified in the General Tariff, zincked	45.—
	789a Packing material, boxes and other ; placards, signplates and other like articles : in sheet iron, painted, varnished, bronzed, gilt	80.—
ex 790	Stoves and cooking-pots of enamelled sheet iron	65.—
ex 797	Stoves and cooking-pots of non-malleable cast iron (gray iron), enamelled	16.—
	Lead, soft, in bars, pigs, slabs ; hard lead, type metal :	
ex 841	— Type metal	0.30
843a	Lead, rolled	6.—
843c	Lead, in sheets ; pipes	6.—
ex 926	Clock cases of marble, with or without imitation bronze and art bronze ornaments	20.—
	Instruments and apparatus, surgical and medical, not including orthopaedic :	
ex 938	—X-ray apparatus and tubes therefor, except rectifying tubes	60.—
	Radio apparatus	
ex 954a	— Radio receiving sets and radio valves	200.—
ex 1044	Copper sulphate	8.—
1078	Potato-, sago- and tapioca-flour, fecula (potato-, sago- and tapioca-starch), raw, subject to proof being furnished that it will be used for industrial purposes	1.—
ex 1080a	Rice starch, raw, not intended for industrial use	6.—
ex 1104b	White sulphite of zinc (white lithopone), unprepared	2.—
ex 1105a	Prussian blue ; ultramarine ; unprepared	10.—
	Colours of all kinds, prepared :	
1107a	— White lead, crushed	15.—
1107b	— Zinc white, pearl white, crushed	15.—

<i>Tarif No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Rate of duty per 100 kg.</i>
		Frs C.
	Colours of all kinds, prepared, other than those under Nos. 1107a/1108:	
1109	— In receptacles of all kinds weighing more than 10 kg.	30.—
1110	— In receptacles of all kinds weighing 10 kg. or less	40.—
1113	Varnishes, lacs and siccatives, whether or not mixed with colouring materials; linseed oil degreased by exposure to the sun ("Standöl")	40.—
1132a	Mineral lubricating grease	9.—
1149	Incandescent lamps with sockets	200.—