

LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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To Members of the Lead Industries Association:

Subject: Trade Treaty with Government of United Kingdom

On November 18, 1937, the State Department made a preliminary announcement that a trade agreement would be negotiated with the Government of the United Kingdom. On Saturday, January 8th, a supplementary formal notice of intention to negotiate with the Government of the United Kingdom, and with that Government on behalf of Newfoundland and the British Colonial Empire, was released.

The formal notice contains a voluminous list of commodities which will come under consideration for the possible granting of concessions by the Government of the United States. We have examined this list to ascertain those commodities, made wholly or partly of lead, in which our members may be interested, and have shown them on the attached list.

The formal notice of the State Department states that the inclusion of any product in its list does not mean that a concession with respect to it will necessarily be granted. The concessions to be granted are not decided upon until after interested parties in the United States have been given full opportunity to present information and views in writing and orally. However, only articles contained in this official list, or any supplementary lists issued later, will come under consideration for the possible granting of concessions by the Government of the United States.

The Committee for Reciprocity Information, the agency through which information may be furnished the State Department, issued a notice on January 8th, setting dates for the submission to it of (1) information and views in writing, and (2) applications to appear at public hearings to be held by the Committee, and fixing the time and place for the opening of the hearings. Briefs may be submitted to the Committee not later than 12 o'clock noon, February 19, 1938. Public hearings will be held beginning at 10:00 A.M. on March 14, 1938.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Johnson
Secretary.



List of Commodities, made wholly or in part of lead, on which the United States will consider granting concessions to the United Kingdom, Newfoundland, and the British Colonial Empire.

Paragraph in Tariff Act of 1930	Description of Article	Present Rate of Duty
• 72	Lead pigments: Litharge Red lead All pigments containing lead, dry or in pulp, or ground in or mixed with oil or water, not specially provided for: In chief value of suboxide of lead	2-1/2¢ per lb. 2-3/4¢ per lb. 3¢ per lb., but not less than 15¢ nor more than 30¢
	Other	30¢
• 77	Zinc oxide and leaded zinc oxides containing not more than 25 per centum of lead: In any form of dry powder Ground in or mixed with oil or water	1-3/4¢ per lb. 2-1/4¢ per lb.
• 510	Sheets or plates of iron or steel or taggers iron or steel, coated with tin or lead, or with a mix- ture of which these metals, or either of them, is a component part, by the dipping or any other process, and commercially known as tin plates, terneplates, and taggers tin	1¢ per lb.
• 316 (a)	Telegraph, telephone, and other wires and cables composed of iron, steel, or other metal (except gold, silver, platinum, tungsten, or moly- bdenum), covered with or composed in part of cotton, jute, silk, enamel, lacquer, rubber, paper, compound, or other material, with or without metal covering	35 per cent

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<u>Paragraph in Tariff Act of 1930</u>	<u>Description of Article</u>	<u>Present rate of Duty</u>
390	Bottle caps of metal, collapsible tubes, and sprinkler tops: If not decorated, colored, waxed, lacquered, enameled, lithographed, electroplated, or embossed in color	30 per cent
	If decorated, colored, waxed, lac- quered, enameled, lithographed, electroplated, or embossed in color	45 per cent
397	Articles or wares not specially provi- ded for, if composed wholly or in chief value of lead, but not plated with platinum, gold, or silver, or colored with gold lacquer, whether wholly or partly manufactured	45 per cent

Notes by J. E. Wormser:

Paragraph 72 - Tariff Act of 1930 does not mention sub-oxide of
lead specifically.

Paragraph 310 - Tarnie plate is not represented in our Association,
but the reference is included in this schedule for
completeness.

Paragraph 316 (a) - Lead-covered cable is not among the commodities
represented by our Association but the reference
is included here for the sake of completeness.