

LEAD INDUSTRY'S ASSOCIATION

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New York, N. Y.

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To Members of the Lead Industries Association:

Subject: Supplemental List of Commodities
Trade Treaty Negotiations with
United Kingdom

The Department of State issued, as of January 24, 1938, a supplement to the list of products on which the United States will consider granting concessions to the United Kingdom, Newfoundland, and the British Colonial Empire in trade treaty negotiations. On this list appear the following commodities in which we are interested.

Per. 391 - Lead-bearing ores, flue dust, and
matte of all kinds - 1-1/2¢ per lb. on
the lead content

The official announcement contains the following statement:

"As stated in the announcement of the previous list, only products listed will come under consideration for the possible granting of concessions by the United States. In the case of products ultimately included in the agreement, the existing import duty may be reduced or may simply be bound, without reduction. Moreover, concessions ultimately granted may not apply to all commodities covered by the phraseology of a given description, but may, especially in cases of broad descriptions, be limited to certain specific commodities or groups of commodities of particular interest to the United Kingdom, Newfoundland, or the British Colonial Empire falling within the scope of such phraseology. No further reduction will, of course, be made in any import duty which has already been reduced by 50 percent under the authority of the Trade Agreements Act.

"The Committee for Reciprocity Information has prescribed that all information and views in writing and all applica-



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tions for supplemental oral presentation of views relating to products included in this supplementary list shall be submitted to it not later than 12 noon, February 26, 1938. They should be addressed to 'Chairman, Committee for Reciprocity Information, Old Land Office Building, 8th and L Streets, Northwest, Washington, D.C.' Supplemental oral statements will be heard at a public hearing beginning at 10 a.m. on March 14, 1938, before the Committee for Reciprocity Information, in the hearing room of the Tariff Commission in the Old Land Office Building."

This office is preparing a brief on the subject.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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Included in the supplemental list of products on which the United States will consider granting concessions to the United Kingdom in its treaty negotiations, is the following:

Par.397: Articles or wares not specially provided for, composed wholly or in chief value of iron, steel, or other base metal, but not plated with platinum, gold, or silver, or colored with gold lacquer, whether partly or wholly manufactured: 45%

Tricycles; baby carriage fittings; styluses; golf club heads; billiards' hardware, including wrought steel butts, hinges, door bolts, hasps and staples, corner braces, steel handles, shelf brackets, and corrugated joint fasteners 45%

This item is included here as of possible interest to our members because of the reference to "base metal". This office does not know of any commodity which might be affected by a reduction in the duty on Paragraph 397. It will, however, appreciate advice from any member who may have been affected by past importations under this Paragraph, or will be affected by future importations.