

**DECISION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
NO. 791 OF JULY 17, 1998
ON INTRODUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL IMPORT DUTY
(with the Amendments and Additions of September 5, October 15,
November 3, December 28, 1998, February 27, 1999)**

In pursuance of this Decision the Order of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 533 of July 31, 1998 was issued

In accordance with Article 15 of the Federal Law on Measures to Protect Economic Interests of the Russian Federation in External Trade of Goods, the Government of the Russian Federation resolves that:

1. A proposal by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation on measures to hold the balance of the balance of payments of the Russian Federation shall be adopted.

2. An additional 3 per cent import duty shall be introduced for all goods imported to the customs territory of the Russian Federation from all countries, with the exception of goods originated in the countries that are parties to the Customs Union agreements.

Additional import duty shall not be applied regarding the goods according to Lists approved by Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1030 of October 5, 1998 and Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1203 of October 15, 1998, Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1294 of November 3, 1998, Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1577 of December 28, 1998

3. The additional import duty to be entered to the federal budget shall be collected in excess of the existing rates of customs duties.

Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 235 of February 27, 1999 reduced the effective term of the additional import duty established by Item 4 of this Decision until February 28, 1999

4. The term of the additional import duty shall be from August 15, 1998 to February 28, 1999.

5. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation shall inform the countries that are parties to the Customs Union arrangements on this resolution and, if necessary, shall hold appropriate negotiations.

6. By virtue of Articles 4 and 5 of the Agreement on the Customs Union between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus of January 6, 1995 it shall be enacted that goods imported to the territory of the Russian Federation from the territory of the Republic of Belarus shall be subject to the additional import duty introduced under Item 2 of the present Decision provided that the goods are put into a free circulation in the Republic of Belarus without collecting the additional import duty indicated in Item 2 of the present Decision or without transferring the amounts paid for these duties to the federal budget according to the established procedure.

Chairman of the Government
of the Russian Federation

S. Kirienko