

**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 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.

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

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