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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL No. 3 (1997)**

On 13 December 1996, the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Tim Fischer MP. signed on behalf of Australia the Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products - The Information Technology Agreement (ITA). The ITA seeks the elimination of tariffs on computer technology and telecommunications products by the year 2000.

When negotiations were completed on 26 March 1997, the ITA had 41 member countries including our major APEC trading partners and the European Union. These countries account for 92.3% of the estimated $750 billion annual trade in these products. Each participant agreed to undertake the necessary domestic procedures to fulfil their commitments for the ITA to come into force on 1 July 1997.

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1997) was introduced into the House of Representatives by the Minister Responsible for Customs, the Hon. Geoffrey Prosser MP. on 4 June 1997.

The Proposal implements Australia's tariff commitments under the ITA by providing either tariff splits with phasing rates of duty for specific goods covered by the ITA or by the addition of phasing rates to existing tariff subheadings. Attachment "A" is a concordance of the subheadings which have been split with a brief description of the affected ITA goods. Attachment "B" is a list of subheadings which have been amended by the addition of phasing rates of duty.

Tariff reprint pages are being prepared and will be despatched to subscribers during the week commencing 16 June 1997. Enquiries should be made in the first instance to **Ray Banvill (06) 275 6516**.

# TARIFF CONCESSION ORDER IMPLICATIONS

A consequence of the ITA is a number of tariff changes in Chapters 84, 85 and 90. These changes will mean some 700 current TCO references will be affected and some will become redundant from 30 June 1997.

As a result, a revocation/reissue exercise is currently being undertaken by the ACS to ensure all affected TCO references will be reissued with the appropriate amended tariff classification on 1 July 1997.

Any enquiries regarding the TCO exercise should be directed to **Ron Houston on (06) 275 6504. Lucy Bitmead**

# Acting National Manager Tariff, Valuation and Origin

**for the CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 12 June 1997

(Tariff Legislation - C97/04603)

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The following existing subheadings (Column 1) have been split to create new subheadings

(Column 2) to separately identify goods covered by the Information Technology Agreement (ITA). These new subheadings have tariff rate phasing regimes which have a final rate of zero on 1 January 2000. Please note that interim rate stagings vary from subheading to subheading and reference should be made to the Customs Working Tariff.

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| **Existing Subheading** | **New Subheading** | **Goods** |
| **(pre 1.7.1997)** | **(from 1.7.1997)** |  |
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| 7017.10.00 | 7017.10.10 | Quartz reactor tubes and holders designed for insertion into diffusion and oxidation furnaces for production of semiconductor wafers. |
|  | 7017.10.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 7017.10.00. |
| 8419.89.00 | 8419.89.10 | Chemical vapor deposition apparatus for semiconductor production. |
|  | 8419.89.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8419.89.00. |
| 8419.90.90 | 8419.90.20 | Parts of goods of 8419.89.10. |
|  | 8419.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8419.90.90. |
| 8421.19.00 | 8421.19.10 | Spin dryers for semiconductor wafer processing. |
|  | 8421.19.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8421.19.00. |
| 8421.91.00 | 8421.91.10 | Parts of goods of 8421.19.10. |
|  | 8421.91.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8421.91.00. |
| 8424.89.90 | 8424.89.20 | Deflash machines for cleaning and removing contaminants from the metal leads of semiconductor packages prior to the electroplating process. |
|  | 8424.89.30 | Spraying appliances for etching, stripping or cleaning semiconductor wafers. |
|  | 8424.89.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8424.89.90. |
| 8424.90.00 | 8424.90.10 | Parts of goods of 8424.89.30. |
|  | 8424.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8424.90.00. |

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| 8464.10.00 | 8464.10.10 | Machines for sawing monocrystal semiconductor boules into slices, or wafers into chips. |
|  | 8464.10.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8464.10.00. |
| 8464.20.00 | 8464.20.10 | Grinding, polishing or lapping machines for the processing of semiconductor wafers. |
|  | 8464.20.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8464.20.00 |
| 8464.90.00 | 8464.90.10 | Dicing machines for scribing or scoring semiconductor wafers. |
|  | 8464.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8464.90.00. |
| 8466.91.00 | 8466.91.10 | Parts for machines of 8464.10.10, 8464.20.10 or 8464.90.10. |
|  | 8466.91.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8466.91.00. |
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| 8466.93.00 | 8466.93.10 | Parts for machines, as follows: |
|  |  | (a) focused ion beam milling machines to produce or repair masks and reticles for patterns on semiconductor devices; |
|  |  | (b) laser cutters for cutting contacting tracks in semiconductor production by laser beam; |
|  |  | (c) for working any material by removal of material, by laser or other light or photo beam in the production of semiconductor wafers; |
|  |  | (d) for apparatus for stripping or cleaning semiconductor wafers |
|  |  | (e) for dry-etching patterns on semi-conductor materials. |
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|  | 8466.93.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8466.93.00. |
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| 8477.10.00 | 8477.10.10 | Encapsulation equipment for the assembly of semiconductors. |
|  | 8477.10.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8477.10.00. |

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| 8477.90.00 | 8477.90.10 | Parts of goods of 8477.10.10. |
|  | 8477.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8477.90.00. |

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| 8479.50.90 | 8479.50.30 | Automated machines for transport, handling and |
|  |  | boxes and other materials for semiconductor devices. |
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|  | 8479.50.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8479.50.90. |

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| 8479.89.90 | 8479.89.20 | Machines, apparatus or equipment, as follows: |
|  |  | (a) for growing or pulling monocrystal semiconductor boules |
|  |  | (b) for physical deposition by sputtering on semiconductor wafers; |
|  |  | (c) for wet-etching, developing, stripping or cleaning semiconductor wafers and flat panel displays; |
|  |  | (d) die attach, tape automated bonders and wire bonders for the assembly of semiconductors; |
|  |  | (e) encapsulation equipment for the assembly of semiconductors; |
|  |  | (f) epitaxial deposition machines for semiconductor wafers; |
|  |  | (g) for bending, folding and straightening semiconductor leads; |
|  |  | (h) physical deposition apparatus for semiconductor production; |
|  |  | (i) spinners for coating photographic emulsions on semiconductor wafers |

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| 8479.89.90 | 8479.89.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8479.89.90 |
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| 8479.90.00 | 8479.90.10 | Parts of goods of 8479.50.30 and 8479.89.20. |
|  | 8479.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8479.90.00. |
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| 8480.71.00 | 8480.71.10 | Moulds for the manufacture of semiconductor devices. |
|  | 8480.71.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8480.71.00. |
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| 8504.40.90 | 8504.40.20 | Static converters for telecommunication apparatus of 8517. |
|  | 8504.40.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8504.40.90. |
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| 8504.50.00 | 8504.50.10 | Inductors, as follows:   1. designed for use with equipment of 8471; 2. for telecommunication apparatus of 8517. |
|  | 8504.50.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8504.50.00. |
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| 8504.90.90 | 8504.90.20 | Parts of goods of 8504.40.20. |
|  | 8504.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8504.90.90. |
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| 8514.10.00 | 8514.10.10 | Resistance heated furnaces and ovens for the manufacture of semiconductor devices on semiconductor wafers |
|  | 8514.10.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8514.10.00. |
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| 8514.20.00 | 8514.20.10 | Induction or dielectric furnaces and ovens for the manufacture of semiconductor devices on semiconductor wafers. |
|  | 8514.20.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8514.20.00. |

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| 8514.30.00 | 8514.30.10 | Apparatus for rapid heating of semiconductor wafers |
|  | 8514.30.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8514.30.00. |
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| 8514.90.00 | 8514.90.10 | Parts of goods of 8514.10.10, 8514.20.10 or 8514.30.10. |
|  | 8514.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8514.90.00. |
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| 8518.10.00 | 8518.10.10 | Microphones having a frequency range of 300 Hz to 3.4 kHz with a diameter not exceeding 10 mm and a height not exceeding 3 mm, for telecommunication use. |
|  | 8518.10.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8518.10.00. |
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| 8518.29.00 | 8518.29.10 | Loudspeakers without housing, having a frequency range of 300 Hz to 3.4 kHz with a diameter not exceeding 50 mm, for telecommunication use. |
|  | 8518.29.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8518.29.00. |
| 8518.30.00 | 8518.30.10 | Line telephone handsets |
|  | 8518.30.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8518.30.00. |

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| 8518.40.00 | 8518.40.10 | Audio-frequency electric amplifiers for use as repeaters in line telephony products. |
|  | 8518.40.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8518.40.00. |
| 8525.10.00 | 8525.10.10 | Transmission apparatus, as follows: |
|  |  | (a) for radio-telephony or radio telegraphy; |
|  |  | (b) paging alert devices. |
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|  | 8525.10.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8525.10.00. |
| 8525.40.00 | 8525.40.10 | Digital still image video cameras. |
|  | 8525.40.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8525.40.00. |
| 8527.90.00 | 8527.90.10 | Portable receivers for calling, alerting or paging. |
|  | 8527.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8527.90.00. |
| 8529.10.10 | 8529.10.20 | Parts for aerials of 8525.10.10, 8525.20.00, 8525.40.10 or 8527.90.10. |
|  | 8529.10.30 | Parts for aerials of 8525 NSA, 8526 or 8527.90.90. |
| 8529.90.10 | 8529.90.20 | Parts for goods of 8525.10.10, 8525.20.00, 8525.40.10 or 8527.90.10. |
|  | 8529.90.30 | Parts for goods of 8525 NSA, 8526 or 8527.90.90. |
| 8531.90.00 | 8531.90.10 | Parts for goods of 8531.20.00 or 8531.80.00. |
|  | 8531.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8531.90.00. |
| 8536.50.91 | 8536.50.92 | Goods, as follows: |
| 8536.50.99 |  | (a) electronic AC switches consisting of optically coupled input and output circuits (insulated thyristor AC switches); |
|  |  | (b) electronic switches, including temperature protected electronic switches, consisting of a transistor and a logic chip (chip-on-chip technology) for a voltage not exceeding  1 000 volts; |
|  |  | (c) electromechanical snap-action switches for a current not exceeding 11 amperes. |
| 8536.50.91 | 8536.50.93 | Switches of a kind used as replacement components in passenger motor vehicles, NSA. |
| 8536.50.99 | 8536.50.99 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8536.50.99. |

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| 8536.69.00 | 8536.69.10 | Plugs and sockets for co-axial cables and printed circuits. |
|  | 8536.69.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8536.69.00. |
| 8536.90.00 | 8536.90.10 | Goods, as follows:   1. connection and contact elements for wires and cables; 2. water probers. |
|  | 8536.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8536.90.00. |
| 8543.30.00 | 8543.30.10 | Apparatus for wet-etching, developing, stripping or cleaning semiconductor wafers and flat panel displays |
|  | 8543.30.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8543.30.00. |
| 8543.90.00 | 8543.90.10 | Parts of goods, as follows: |
|  |  | (a) of 8543.11.00 or 8543.30.10; |
|  |  | (b) of flat panel display devices. |
|  | 8543.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8543.90.00. |
| 8544.41.90 | 8544.41.20 | Conductors of a kind used in telecommunications |
|  | 8544.41.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8544.41.90. |
| 8544.49.90 | 8544.49.20 | Conductors of a kind used for telecommunications |
|  | 8544.49.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 8544.49.90. |
| 8544.51.00 | 8544.51.10 | Conductors of a kind used for telecommunications. |
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| 9017.90.90 | 9017.90.20 | Parts and accessories of pattern generating apparatus of a kind used for producing masks or reticles from photoresist coated substrates of 9017.20.90. |
|  | 9017.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 9017.90.90. |
| 9030.90.90 | 9030.90.20 | Parts for goods of 9030.82.00. |
|  | 9030.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 9030.90.90. |
| 9031.90.90 | 9031.90.20 | Parts for goods, as follows:  1. of 9031.41.00;  2. of optical instruments and appliances for measuring surface particulate contamination on semiconductor wafers. |
|  | 9031.90.90 | The remainder of the goods which were previously classified in 9031.90.90. |
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# Attachment "B" to ACN 97/50

The following list of existing subheadings, which are covered by the ITA, have had additional phasing rates of duty added to their duty regimes to allow for the duty free entry of goods by 1 January 2000. Please note that the description of goods for these subheadings has not been altered and that interim rate stagings vary from subheading to subheading and reference should be made to the Customs Working Tariff.

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| 3818.00.00 | 8520.20.00 | 8532.22.00 | 8533.90.00 |
| 8470.10.90 | 8522.90.00 | 8532.23.00 | 8538.90.90 |
| 8473.21.10 | 8523.11.00 | 8532.24.00 | 8541.40.10 |
| 8473.50.10 | 8523.12.00 | 8532.25.00 | 8541.60.00 |
| 8517.11.00 | 8523.13.00 | 8532.29.00 | 8541.90.00 |
| 8517.19.00 | 8523.20.00 | 8532.30.00 | 8544.70.00 |
| 8517.21.00 | 8523.90.90 | 8532.90.00 | 9026.90.10 |
| 8517.22.00 | 8524.91.10 | 8533.10.00 | 9027.30.10 |
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| 8517.30.00 | 8525.20.00 | 8533.21.00 | 9027.80.10 |
| 8517.50.90 | 8531.20.00 | 8533.29.00 | 9027.90.10 |
| 8517.80.00 | 8531.80.00 | 8533.31.00 | 9027.90.20 |
| 8517.90.90 | 8532.10.00 | 8533.39.00 | 9030.40.00 |
| 8518.90.00 | 8532.21.00 | 8533.40.00 | 9030.82.00 |