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**DECREASE IN EXCISE AND CUSTOMS DUTY ON AVIATION GASOLINE**

Excise Tariff Notice No.1 (1997) and Customs Tariff Notice No.1 (1997), published in Special Commonwealth Gazette No. S261 of 2 July 1997, detail alterations proposed to the Excise Tariff Act 1921 and Customs Tariff Act 1995 to apply new rates of Excise and Customs duty to aviation gasoline.

It is proposed that the rates of duty will be reduced by 0.6 cents per litre, from 18.003 cents per litre to 17.403 cents per litre, effective from 3 July 1997.

The reduction in the excise duty rate on aviation gasoline applies only to the duty revenue component paid to Airservices Australia for the cost of providing air traffic services and rescue and fire fighting to the general aviation sector.

Tariff pages to be issued in connection with these changes are:

*Excise - E64 (R.11)*

*Customs - Chapter 27/5 (R.4)*

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