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

Excise Tariff Notice No. 4 (1998) and Customs Tariff Notice No. 3 (1998), published in Special Commonwealth Gazette No. S225 of 21 May 1998, 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 2.6 cents per litre, from 17.403 cents per litre to 14.803 cents per litre, effective from 25 May 1998.

The reduction in the rates of duty on aviation gasoline applies to that component of the duty previously paid to Airservices Australia for the cost of providing air traffic services to the general aviation sector, which in future will be subject to revised funding arrangements.

Tariff pages to be issued in connection with these changes are: Excise - E84 (R.4) &amp; E85 (R.4)

Customs - Chapter 27/9 (R.1)

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