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**REVOCATION OF COMMERCIAL TARIFF CONCESSION ORDERS AND TARIFF CONCESSION ORDERS ON INFORMATION INDUSTRIES EQUIPMENT**

On 12 May 1998, the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism, the Hon John Moore, announced that the Government was to bring forward, to 1 July 1998, the removal of tariffs on the majority of goods covered under the Information Technology Agreement. The agreement produced a list of goods in the information industries on which tariffs were being phased to zero by 1 January 2000.

As a result of the Government's decision, a large number of commercial tariff concession orders (CTCOs) and tariff concession orders (TCOs) are to be revoked and will not be available after 30 June 1998.

From 1 July 1998 onwards, importers are advised to exercise caution in using Item 50 or Item 50A of Schedule 4 to the Customs Tariff Act 1995 when importing goods in the information industries that are the subject of a CTCO. An importer should use Item 50 or Item 50A to enter only those goods which attract a rate of tariff duty other than free.

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