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**CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL NO.2 (2000) - GST ALCOHOL CHANGES**

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000), which was tabled in the House of Representatives on 29 June 2000, introduced changes to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* to implement the Government's alcohol tax reforms under "A New Tax System". The alterations operate on and from 1 July 2000. Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000) which contains complementary amendments to the *Excise Tariff Act 1921* was tabled concurrently with this Proposal.

In general terms, the Proposal introduces:

a three tiered duty structure for beer which retains the current 1.15% duty free threshold. The new rates are:

# for beer not exceeding 3% alcohol, $41.67 per litre of alcohol;

* *over 3% but not exceeding 3.5% alcohol, $35.38 per litre of alcohol; and*

# for beer exceeding 3.5% alcohol, $30.46 per litre of alcohol;

an increase in the brandy rate of duty to $48.17, and the spirit rate of duty to $51.58 per litre of alcohol;

a new duty of $30.46 per litre of alcohol on mixed alcoholic beverages with an alcoholic strength exceeding 1.15% but not exceeding 10% alcohol.

# There is no 1.15% duty free threshold for these beverages but if they are less than 1.15% alcohol they are not subject to the excise equivalent duty;

a new duty of $51.58 per litre of alcohol on mixed alcoholic beverages with an alcoholic strength exceeding 10%. Again, there is no 1.15% duty free threshold for these beverages; separate tariff subheadings for goods that are subject to the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET). These new subheadings are:

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| 2204.10.22 | 2204.10.82 | 2204.21.20 | 2204.29.20 |
| 2204.30.10 | 2205.10.20 | 2205.90.20 | 2206.00.30 |
| 2206.00.41 | 2206.00.42 |  |  |

# each of these subheadings has been flagged in the COMPILE rates file for WET. Importers or their brokers will be required to acquit that flag before an entry under one of the above subheadings can be made.

The new structure retains the existing ad valorem rates of duty.

In addition, eight new Additional Notes have been created in Chapter 22.

Tariff reprint pages to be issued for changes associated with this Proposal will be:

Schedule 3 -Chapter 22/1 (R.1), 22/3 (R.7), 22/5 (R.9), 22/7 (R.8), 22/9 (R.8),

# 22/11(R. 0), 22/13 (R.0), 22/15 (R.0), 22/17 (R.0), 22/19 (R.0), 22/21 (R.0), 22/23 (R.0);

and Tariff Act Page 15 (R.6).

A concordance of tariff subheadings for the change is attached.

Queries on the new structure or rates of duty should be directed to Ray Banvill on (02) 6275 6516 or Nick Blackaby on (02) 6275 6506. COMPILE enquiries should made to the User Liaison area in your State.

Debbie Bates National Manager Tariff

for

the Chief Executive Officer 6 July 2000

ATTACHMENT TO ACN 2000/45

**CONCORDANCE OF TARIFF SUBHEADINGS**

CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL NO. 2 (2000) WINE AND ALCOHOL

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| 2203.00.31 | 2203.00.10 |  | 2203.00.39 |
| 2203.00.39 | 2203.00.10 |  | 2203.00.81 |
| 2203.00.81 | 2203.00.10 |  | 2203.00.82 |
| 2203.00.82 | 2203.00.10 |  | 2203.00.89 |
| 2203.00.89 | 2203.00.10 | 2203.00.90 | 2203.00.20 |
| 2204.10.21 | 2204.10.10 | 2204.10.10 | 2204.10.21 |
| 2204.10.22 | 2204.10.10 |  | 2204.10.22 |
| 2204.10.23 | 2204.10.10 |  | 2204.10.23 |
| 2204.10.29 | 2204.10.10 |  | 2204.10.29 |
| 2204.10.81 | 2204.10.90 | 2204.10.90 | 2204.10.81 |
| 2204.10.82 | 2204.10.90 |  | 2204.10.82 |
| 2204.10.83 | 2204.10.90 |  | 2204.10.83 |
| 2204.10.89 | 2204.10.90 |  | 2204.10.89 |
| 2204.21.10 | 2204.21.00 | 2204.21.00 | 2204.21.10 |
| 2204.21.20 | 2204.21.00 |  | 2204.21.20 |
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| 2206.00.41 | 2206.00.11 |  | 2206.00.52 |
| 2206.00.42 | 2206.00.12 |  | 2206.00.59 |
| 2206.00.51 | 2206.00.11 | 2206.00.12 | 2206.00.42 |
| 2206.00.52 | 2206.00.11 |  | 2206.00.61 |
| 2206.00.59 | 2206.00.11 |  | 2206.00.62 |
| 2206.00.61 | 2206.00.12 |  | 2206.00.69 |
| 2206.00.62 | 2206.00.12 | 2206.00.20 | 2206.00.30 |
| 2206.00.69 | 2206.00.12 |  | 2206.00.92 |
| 2206.00.71 | 2206.00.90 |  | 2206.00.99 |
| 2206.00.72 | 2206.00.90 | 2206.00.90 | 2206.00.30 |
| 2206.00.73 | 2206.00.90 |  | 2206.00.71 |
| 2206.00.79 | 2206.00.90 |  | 2206.00.72 |
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