# DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION NOTICE

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# Additional factor in calculation of indexation of certain customs duty rates for tobacco and tobacco products – 1 September 2017-2020

The Australian Government announced, as part of the 2016-17 Budget, a series of four annual 12.5 per cent increases to excise and excise-equivalent customs duty for tobacco and tobacco products commencing on

1 September 2017.

The Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016 were passed by the Parliament of Australia on 15 September 2016 and received Royal Assent on

23 September 2016.

This notice advises of the amendment to section 19AB of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (Customs Tariff) that adds a series of four annual 12.5 per cent increases to excise-equivalent customs duty for tobacco and tobacco products commencing 1 September 2017, and annually on 1 September 2018, 1 September 2019 and 1 September 2020.

These increases will coincide with the indexation adjustments for tobacco and tobacco products scheduled for these dates.

The indexation increases in excise-equivalent customs duty for tobacco and tobacco products referenced above also applies to goods in:

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| * Schedule 5 (US originating goods) | * Schedule 9 (Malaysian originating goods) |
| * Schedule 6 (Thai originating goods) | * Schedule 10 (Korean originating goods) |
| * Schedule 7 (Chilean originating goods) | * Schedule 11 (Japanese originating goods) |
| * Schedule 8 (ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand originating goods) | * Schedule 12 (Chinese originating goods) |

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