# DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION NOTICE

**No.2017/30**

# Notice of Intention to Propose Customs Tariff Alterations (No. 1) 2017

On 20 September 2017, Notice of Intention to Propose Customs Tariff Alterations (No. 1) 2017 (the Notice) was published in the Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette.

The Notice repeals table items 123 to 125, inclusive, of Schedule 8 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (the Customs Tariff Act) effective from 20 September 2017. Repealing these table items reduces the preferential customs duty rates for eligible goods from five per cent to ‘Free’. These amendments apply to goods imported into Australia:

* on or after 20 September 2017; and
* before 20 September 2017, where the time for working out the rate of customs duty had not occurred before 20 September 2017.

These table items provide preferential rates of duty for goods classified to the following tariff subheadings:

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| **Table Item** | **Tariff Subheading** | **Table Item** | **Tariff Subheading** |
| 123 | 3808.52.90(a) | 123D | 3808.69.90 |
| 123A | 3808.59.90(a) | 124 | 3808.91.90 |
| 123B | 3808.61.90 | 125 | 3808.93.00 |
| 123C | 3808.62.90 |  |  |

(a) Prescribed goods only. Prescribed goods are provided for in the *Customs Tariff Regulations 2004*.

The removal of these preferential customs duty rates was announced by the Prime Minister and the President of the Republic of Indonesia on 26 February 2017. Australia agreed to remove customs duty on pesticides and herbicides from Indonesia, and Indonesia agreed to reduce customs duties on Australian sugar. These amendments are an early outcome of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations.

To formalise these amendments Customs Tariff Proposal (No. 2) 2017 will be tabled in the Parliament within the next seven sitting days. Legislation to amend the Customs Tariff Act needs to receive the Royal Assent within 12 months.

The Online Tariff has been amended to reflect these changes.

(signed) Genevieve Watson Assistant Secretary

Trade and Customs Branch 20 September 2017