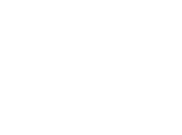
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**Australian Government Department of Home Affairs**

***Customs Duty Rate Changes for 1 April 2018: Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement***

Australia has committed to progressively reduce the rates of customs duty on eligible Japanese originating goods through the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement.

The next reduction of customs duty rates will occur on 1 April 2018 and will affect certain imports of:

* plastic, rubber, and leather goods
* textile, clothing and footwear goods
* stone, plaster, cement or similar materials for use as components in passenger motor vehicles
* toughened (tempered) safety glass and laminated safety glass for use as components in motor vehicles
* base metal goods
* machinery and mechanical appliances
* electrical equipment, sound recorders and reproducers
* motor vehicles, seats for motor vehicles and their parts
* orthopaedic footwear goods
* measuring, checking or precision instruments and apparatus
* other miscellaneous manufactured goods.

Note: phasing rates do not affect the import restrictions and border controls for prohibited goods as regulated by the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.

A full list of affected tariff subheadings is contained in Schedule 11 (Japanese Originating Goods) of the

*Customs Tariff Act 1995*. Refer to webpage:

[http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Busi/cargo-support-trade-and-goods/importing-goods/tariff-classification-of-](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Busi/cargo-support-trade-and-goods/importing-goods/tariff-classification-of-goods/current-tariff-classification/schedule-11) [goods/current-tariff-classification/schedule-11](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Busi/cargo-support-trade-and-goods/importing-goods/tariff-classification-of-goods/current-tariff-classification/schedule-11)

Relevant changes to the Integrated Cargo System have been made and will commence on 1 April 2018.

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