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**DECREASE IN EXCISE AND CUSTOMS DUTY ON AVIATION GASOLINE AND AVIATION KEROSENE**

In a media release dated 20 August 1996, the Minister for Transport and Regional Development announced a reduction of 0.75 cents per litre in the duty rates on aviation gasoline and aviation kerosene.

The duty rate reduction stems from the over recovery during 1995/96 of the aviation industry's contribution to service the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. The industry contribution is collected by the Commonwealth through a levy included in the Excise and Customs duty on these aviation fuels. Excise Tariff Notice No.1 (1996) and Customs Tariff Notice No.1 (1996), published in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. S323 of 30 August 1996, detail alterations proposed to the Excise Tariff Act 1921 and the Customs Tariff Act 1995 to apply new rates of Excise and Customs duty to these fuels.

The new rates for aviation gasoline ($0.17931 per litre) and aviation kerosene ($0.01778 per litre) operate on and from 1 September 1996. Tariff pages to be issued in connection with these changes are: Excise - E64 (R.9)and E65 (R.12) Customs - Chapter 27/6 (R. 2)

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