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**INCREASE IN FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS RESEARCH LEVY**

This Notice is to advise that amendments to the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection (Forest and Wood Products) Regulations (the Regulations) have been approved which will increase the domestic levy rates on certain forest products.

With respect to imported forest products, sub-section 6(1) of the Forest Industries Research Import Charge Act 1993 links levy rates on imported forest products proportionally to rates levied on domestically produced equivalents through the use of class conversion factors without alteration of those conversion factors.

As a result of increasing levy rates on certain domestic classes of forest products there will be a proportionate increase in rates levied on imported equivalents. The rates listed in the Attachment will take effect on **1 August 1997**.

In addition, the Regulations provide that the forest industries levy or charge is not payable if the total amount of levy or charge that a producer is liable to pay is less than (a specific threshold amount) in a levy year. The regulations have been amended to increase the specific threshold amount from $75 to $330.

Queries in relation to the levy should be directed to **Mr Charles Hausknecht**, Department of Primary Industries and Energy, Forest Branch on 06 272 4464.

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The rates listed below will take effect as of **1 August 1997:**

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| **TariffCode** | **Tariff Classification** | **Conversion Factor** | **Domestic Log Class Equivalent** | **Unprocessed Wood Domestic Levy Rate**  **$/M** | **Processed Wood Import Charge**  **$/M** |
|  |  | (A) |  | (B) | (C) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4403 | Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or | 2.0 | Softwood | 0.29 | 0.58 |
|  | sapwood, or roughly squared |  | sawlog | 0.22 | 0.44 |

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|  |  |  | Hardwood sawlog |  |  |
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| 4407 | Wood sawn or chipped chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6mm | 2.5 | Softwood sawlog | 0.29  0.22 | 0.72  0.55 |
|  |  |  | Hardwood sawlog |  |  |
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| 4409 | Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, other than wood that is dowelling or picture frame moulding | 2.5 | Softwood sawlog  Hardwood sawlog | 0.29  0.22 | 0.72  0.55 |