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**TARIFF CHANGES TO ALUMINIUM CANSHEET AND STEEL TINPLATE**

On 6 July 1999 the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources, Senator the Honourable Nick Minchin announced that the Government would remove the customs duty on aluminium cansheet and steel tinplate from 1 October 1999.

A Customs Tariff Proposal giving effect to this decision is expected to be tabled in the House of Representatives in the week commencing 20 September 1999. The Proposal is that:

the rates of duty for tariff subheadings 7210.11.00, 7210.12.00 and 7212.10.00 which cover tinplate reduce to free; and

a new Schedule 4 item be created to accord aluminium cansheet classified in subheadings 7606.12.00 or 7606.92.00, and used in the manufacture of aluminium cans, duty free entry.

It is also intended that, after the Proposal is introduced into the Parliament, a by-law will be made detailing the aluminium cansheet eligible for concessional entry, as set out at Attachment A.

Tariff reprint pages to be issued in conjunction with this change are:

Schedule 3 - 72/11 (R.2), 72.13 (R.2) and Schedule 4/31 (R.3).

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