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**CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL NO.5 (2000)**

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2000) was tabled in the House of Representatives on 29 June 2000. It contains a number of amendments to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* which are operative from 1 July 2000. These are:

Settlement of the Howe Leather Dispute

On 21 June 2000, it was announced by the Government that a settlement had been reached with the United States in relation to the Howe Leather dispute. Part of the settlement involved Australia reducing the duty on 30 tariff subheadings from 5% to free. These subheadings are:

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| 2905.12.00 | 2915.60.00 | 4011.30.00 | 4014.10.00 |
| 7013.10.00 | 8211.93.00 | 8407.21.00 | 8419.60.00 |
| 8475.21.00 | 8506.10.00 | 8506.40.00 | 8506.50.00 |
| 8509.30.00 | 8509.40.00 | 8509.80.00 | 8510.20.00 |
| 8516.50.00 | 8520.32.90 | 8528.21.00 | 8528.30.00 |
| 8539.21.00 | 9008.40.00 | 9010.10.00 | 9010.50.10 |
| 9010.50.20 | 9503.10.00 | 9503.20.00 | 9503.80.00 |
| 9506.11.00 | 9617.00.00 |  |

Subheading 8520.32.90 has been amalgamated with 8520.32.10 to create new subheading 8520.32.00. Alteration to Schedule 1 of the Customs Tariff Act

The United Nations reviews its list of designated least developed countries to ensure that the changing economic and development circumstances of individual countries are taken into account. Following such a review, both Angola and Madagascar have been transferred from the list of DCS countries in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the list of DC countries in Part 3 of Schedule 1.

The effect of the amendment will be to accord a tariff margin of 5%, where available, over the general rate of duty to imports from Angola and Madagascar.

The Proposal also recognised the change of name for Zaire to the Democratic Republic of Congo. This change is reflected in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Customs Tariff Act. Item 54 in Part III of Schedule 4 to the Customs Tariff Act

The Administrative Arrangements for the Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Import Credit Scheme provide transistional arrangements whereby import credits earned under the Scheme may be used up until 30 December 2001. The current wording of item 54, however, only allows credits to be used until 30 June 2000.

Item 54 has therefore been amended by this Proposal to accurately reflect the administrative arrangements. Customs tariff reprint pages issued in connection with these changes are:

Schedule 1 - 1/1 (R.2), 1/3 (R.1), CC/1 (R.2), CC/3 (R.3);

Schedule 3 -29/9 29/9 (R.4), 29/15 (R.2), 40/11 (R.5), 70/7 (R.5), 82/7 (R.2),

# 84/11 (R.4), 84/23 (R.5), 84/55 (R.3), 85/9 (R.7), 85/11 (R.7),

*85/15 (R.6), 85/21 (R.7), 85/25 (R.7), 85/33 (R.4), 90/9 (R.4),*

# 95/3 (R.4), 95/5 (R.4), 96/7 (R.5); and

Schedule 4 - 4/15 (R.4) and 4/26A (R.2).

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