

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

NOTICE NO. 2012/10

**Customs Tariff Proposal (No. 1) 2012 - Alterations to the Customs Tariff - Listing of Serbia as a Developing Country**

Customs Tariff Proposal (No. 1) 2012 was tabled in Parliament on 16 February 2012. The Proposal contains an alteration to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (the Customs Tariff) to list Serbia as a Developing Country for the purposes of the Australian System of Tariff Preferences (ASTP).

The listing of Serbia in Part 4 of Schedule 1 of the Customs Tariff (Developing Countries Subject to DCS Rates of Duty) will provide it with Developing Country status for the purposes of the ASTP and accord it a reduction in customs duty on a defined range of goods imported into Australia.

This alteration will take effect on 1 March 2012 and will apply to goods imported from Serbia for home consumption on or after that date.

The Proposal also contains alterations that were previously given effect through the publication of Customs Tariff Notices in the Commonwealth *Gazette*, during December 2011, to:

* extend the South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Provisions) Scheme (the SPARTECA - TCF Scheme) to 2014 - Australian Customs and Border Protection Notice No. 2011/65 refers; and
* re-insert subheading 5308.10.00 applicable to coir yarn, with effect from 1 January 2012. This subheading was incorrectly omitted in the *Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Harmonized System Changes) Act 2011*.

Tariff Working Page Schedule 1/3 (R.9) to reflect the listing of Serbia will be available in the week commencing 27 February 2012. Customs Tariff reprint pages relating to the SPARTECA-TCF Scheme were issued in January 2012.

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