



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION NOTICE

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Customs Duty Rate Changes for 1 April 2016 – Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement

Through the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement, Australia has committed to reduce the rate of customs duty on certain Japanese originating goods. Under this Agreement the rate of customs duty for certain goods will be reduced progressively.

The next reduction of customs duty rates will occur on 1 April 2016 and will effect:

- certain plastic and rubber goods
- certain leather goods
- certain textile, clothing and footwear goods
- certain stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials for use as components in passenger motor vehicles
- certain toughened (tempered) safety glass and laminated safety glass for use as components in motor vehicles
- certain base metal goods
- certain machinery and mechanical appliances
- certain electrical equipment
- certain sound recorders and reproducers
- certain motor vehicles
- certain orthopaedic footwear goods
- certain measuring, checking or precision instruments and apparatus
- seats for motor vehicles and their parts
- certain miscellaneous manufactured goods.

Note: The importation into Australia of asbestos or goods containing asbestos is prohibited under the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*, unless certain permissions or exemptions apply.

A full list of affected tariff subheadings is contained in Schedule 11 (Japanese Originating Goods) to *Customs Tariff Act 1995*. Refer to webpage:

<http://www.border.gov.au/Tariffclassificationofgoods/Documents/schedule11.pdf>

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