



DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS NOTICE

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Working Tariff and other changes commencing on 1 January 2019

Reduction of preferential customs duty rates

The next scheduled reduction of preferential customs duty rates will occur on 1 January 2019 for the following agreements:

- the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA);
- the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP);
- the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA); and
- the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA).

A full schedule of reductions under these free trade agreements is provided in the Online Tariff (<https://archive.homeaffairs.gov.au/busi/cargo-support-trade-and-goods/importing-goods/tariff-classification-of-goods/current-tariff-classification>) and the Tariff Working Pages for Schedule 8 (AANZFTA), Schedule 8B (TPP-11), Schedule 10 (KAFTA) and Schedule 12 (ChAFTA).

As these reductions are already incorporated into the working pages, no new pages will be issued.

AANZFTA Product Specific Rules

On 1 January 2019 new AANZFTA Product Specific Rules will enter into force. The new AANZFTA Product Specific Rules use the nomenclature of the 2017 Harmonized System. The Product Specific Rules are in Annex 2 to AANZFTA (<https://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/in-force/aanzfta/official-documents/Pages/official-documents.aspx>).

Consistent with the changes made by the *Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Act 2018*, the Product Specific Rules for AANZFTA are no longer implemented through regulations. The changes made by this Act are covered in Department of Home Affairs Notice No. 2018/39.

Import and export statistical code changes

There will be no 1 January 2019 statistical code changes for imports and exports.

Further information

For further information about any of the matters covered by this notice please contact tradepolicy1@homeaffairs.gov.au.

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