



Australian Customs Notice No. 2020/26

Customs duty rate reductions 1 July 2020

Expanded Information Technology Agreement (EITA)

The fifth scheduled phase down of customs duty rates under the EITA will occur on 1 July 2020. This will affect the following goods in Chapter 85 of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*:

- Loudspeakers
- Radio-broadcast receivers
- Electrical apparatus for switching, protecting or connecting electrical circuits

The relevant tariff subheadings and the new duty rates are as follows:

Tariff subheading	Customs Duty Rate at 1 July 2020
8518.21.00	2.5%
8518.29.90	
8527.21.10	
8527.29.00	
8536.90.90	
8536.50.10	3.83%
8536.50.93	
8536.50.99	

Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement

Australia has committed to progressively reducing the rates of customs duty on eligible Japanese originating goods under the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership. In accordance with this commitment, the fourth reduction of customs duty rates occurred on 1 April 2020. These changes commenced in the Integrated Cargo System on the same day. The reduction of duty rates affected the following goods:

- Textile floor coverings
- Apparel and clothing accessories
- Footwear
- Orthopaedic footwear

Note: phasing rates do not affect the import restrictions and border controls for prohibited goods as regulated by the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956.

The full list of affected tariff subheadings is available at Schedule 11 (Japanese originating goods) to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (<https://www.abf.gov.au/importing-exporting-and-manufacturing/tariff-classification/current-tariff/schedule-11>).

Amendments to the Online Tariff

Please note, no revised working pages will be issued and no amendments will be made to the Online Tariff for the April and July changes to duty rates under the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement and EITA. These rates have been incorporated into the existing pages of the Online Tariff.

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