



Customs Notice (No. 1) 2010 – increases in the rates of duty for tobacco products – operative on and from 30 April 2010

The Government announced today (29 April 2010) increases in the excise and excise-equivalent rates of duty for tobacco and tobacco products.

Customs Notice (No. 1) 2010 was published in Special Commonwealth Gazette No. S 62 of 29 April 2010 to give effect to that announcement. This Notice increases the excise-equivalent rates of customs duty applying to tobacco products from \$0.26220 (as at 1 February 2010) to \$0.32775 per stick not exceeding in weight 0.8 grams actual tobacco content, and from \$327.77 (as at 1 February 2010) to \$409.71 per kilogram of tobacco content for 'other' tobacco.

The new rates will come into effect on and from 30 April 2010 and will apply to goods:

- (a) imported into Australia on or after 30 April 2010; and
- (b) imported into Australia before 30 April 2010, where the time for working out the rate of import duty on the goods had not occurred before that date.

Equivalent changes will also be made to the duty rates for the corresponding items in the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*, on that date.

The new rates of customs duty will apply to goods imported from all sources, including under Australia's Free Trade Agreements: Schedule 5 (US originating goods), Schedule 6 (Thai originating goods), Schedule 7 (Chilean originating goods) and Schedule 8 (AANZ originating goods) in the Customs Tariff.

The following Table sets out the new rates of duty.

<u>Customs Tariff Subheading</u>	<u>New Rate of Duty Operative from 30 April 2010</u>
2401.10.00	\$409.71/kg
2401.20.00	\$409.71/kg of tobacco content
2401.30.00	
2402.10.80	
2402.20.80	
2403.10.70	
2403.91.00	
2403.99.80	
2402.10.20	\$0.32775/stick
2402.20.20	
2403.10.30	

Australian Customs Notice No. 2010/22 will be published in connection with these changes. This ACN will be available on the Customs website in the near future and will be distributed in hard copy in the week commencing 10 May 2010. Revised tariff working pages will also be distributed in that week.