



CPI adjustments – operative on and from 1 February 2016

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for December Quarter 2015 was released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on 27 January 2016.

The new rates of excise-equivalent customs duty listed in the table below are calculated by multiplying the previous rates by an indexation factor. The indexation factor is calculated by dividing the most recent CPI number, that is, the December Quarter 2015 number, by the previous highest June or December Quarter number occurring after the June Quarter 1983.

Accordingly, the December Quarter 2015 index number (108.4) has been divided by the December Quarter 2014 index number (107.5) to establish an indexation factor of 1.008. As this factor is greater than one, rates of excise-equivalent customs duty and excise duty are increased by the application of this factor.

The rates are also applied to goods subject to indexation in Schedule 5 (US originating goods), Schedule 6 (Thai originating goods), Schedule 7 (Chilean originating goods), Schedule 8 (AANZ originating goods), Schedule 9 (Malaysian originating goods), Schedule 10 (Korean originating goods), Schedule 11 (Japanese originating goods) and Schedule 12 (Chinese originating goods in the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (Customs Tariff)).

Note, that as outlined in ACN 2014/53, the indexed excise and excise-equivalent customs duty for fuels (excluding aviation fuels) will be rounded to three decimal places of a dollar. This change is to simplify the fuel tax credit claim calculation.

Customs Tariff Subheading	New Rates of Duty Operative from 1 February 2016
2203.00.61 2206.00.74	\$41.08/L of alcohol, calculated on that alcohol content by which the percentage by volume of alcohol of the goods exceeds 1.15
2203.00.62 2206.00.75	\$47.85/L of alcohol, calculated on that alcohol content by which the percentage by volume of alcohol of the goods exceeds 1.15
2203.00.69 2206.00.78	\$47.85/L of alcohol, calculated on that alcohol content by which the percentage by volume of alcohol of the goods exceeds 1.15
2203.00.71 2206.00.82	\$8.21/L of alcohol, calculated on that alcohol content by which the percentage by volume of alcohol of the goods exceeds 1.15
2203.00.72 2206.00.83	\$25.73/L of alcohol, calculated on that alcohol content by which the percentage by volume of alcohol of the goods exceeds 1.15
2203.00.79 2206.00.89	\$33.70/L of alcohol, calculated on that alcohol content by which the percentage by volume of alcohol of the goods exceeds 1.15
2203.00.91 2206.00.14	\$81.05/L of alcohol, plus customs duty where applicable
2203.00.99 2206.00.92	
2206.00.13 2206.00.99	
2204.10.23 2206.00.24	
2204.10.29 2206.00.52	
2204.10.83 2206.00.59	
2204.10.89 2206.00.62	
2204.21.30 2206.00.69	
2204.21.90 2207.10.00	

Customs Tariff Subheading		New Rates of Duty Operative from 1 February 2016
2204.29.30	2208.20.90	\$81.05/L of alcohol, plus customs duty where applicable
2204.29.90	2208.30.00	
2205.10.30	2208.40.00	
2205.10.90	2208.50.00	
2205.90.30	2208.60.00	
2205.90.90	2208.70.00	
2206.00.21	2208.90.20	
2206.00.22	2208.90.90	
2206.00.23		
2208.20.10		\$75.70/L of alcohol, plus customs duty where applicable
2207.20.10	2707.10.00	\$0.395/L of petroleum fuels including diesel, ethanol and biodiesel and blends thereof, plus customs duty where applicable
2707.20.00	2707.30.00	
2707.50.00	2709.00.90	
2710.12.62	2710.12.69	
2710.12.70	2710.19.16	
2710.19.22	2710.19.28	
2710.19.51	2710.19.52	
2710.19.53	2710.19.70	
2710.20.00	2710.91.16	
2710.91.22	2710.91.28	
2710.91.51	2710.91.52	
2710.91.53	2710.91.62	
2710.91.69	2710.91.70	
2710.91.80	2710.99.16	
2710.99.22	2710.99.28	
2710.99.51	2710.99.52	
2710.99.53	2710.99.62	
2710.99.69	2710.99.70	
2710.99.80	2902.20.00	
2902.30.00	2902.41.00	
2902.42.00	2902.43.00	
2902.44.00	3817.00.10	
3824.90.50	3824.90.60	
3826.00.10	3826.00.20	
2711.11.00		\$0.270/kg of liquefied natural gas
2711.21.10		\$0.270/kg of compressed natural gas
2711.12.10	2711.13.10	\$0.129/L of liquefied petroleum gas

The new rates will come into effect on and from 1 February 2016. Equivalent changes will also be made to the Excise Tariff on that date. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection Notice 2016/02 will be published in connection with these changes. It will be available on the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website in the near future and will be distributed in hard copy in the week commencing 1 February 2016. Amended tariff working pages will also be distributed in that week.