# Removal of Further Nuisance Tariffs

As part of the Australian Government’s ongoing commitment to economic reform, it will abolish a second tranche of around 500 nuisance tariffs from 1 July 2026.

Treasury invites submission on the specific tariffs proposed for abolition.

### Context and Rationale

Australia’s remaining nuisance tariffs impose significant compliance costs on businesses, inflate consumer prices, and undermine competition. This puts a drain on our productivity.

These tariffs provide limited protection to Australian businesses as they apply to goods imported under a concessional or preferential rate of customs duty. After successive trade agreements, many goods are now imported duty-free. This means that businesses spend time and money proving their imports are eligible for existing tariff preferences and concessions.

In tandem with eliminating nuisance tariffs, the Albanese Government is strengthening and modernising Australia’s anti-dumping regime so that it can more efficiently and effectively protect our industries from unfair trading practices.

This reform will improve productivity by lowering import costs, cutting red tape, and making trade simpler. It will build on the successful abolition of around 500 nuisance tariffs in July 2024.

### Proposal

Treasury invites submissions on the proposed tariffs to be abolished. The around 500 tariff lines proposed for removal of the four to five per cent duty rates are listed below.

These tariffs were selected based on their disproportionate compliance costs for business, the high proportion of goods already entering under concessional arrangements, and other policy considerations. They include goods like wine glasses, tyres, televisions, underpants, air conditioners, margarine and bitumen.

They were all identified as ‘nuisance tariffs’ in the Productivity Commission’s *Trade and Assistance Review 2023-24* which found many imposed greater indicative compliance costs on business than the revenue they generated.

Abolishing these tariffs is expected to save businesses over $127 million in compliance costs per annum.

### Implementation

This reform will be implemented through a customs tariff proposal to set the rate of customs duties to ‘Free’ for the identified tariff lines from 1 July 2026.

### Next Steps

Submissions can be made on the Treasury website and will close on Wednesday, 10 December 2025.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) publishes a range of trade statistical datasets, including in Microsoft Office Excel Pivot table format. They are available at <https://www.dfat.gov.au/trade/trade-and-investment-data-information-and-publications/trade-statistics>.

Please contact NuisanceTariffs@Treasury.gov.au if you have any questions or require more information on this reform.

A summary of the tariff lines is provided in the table below, with a detailed list of Australian customs tariff 8-digit codes at Attachment A. This list should be read in conjunction with Schedule 3 of the Current Tariff Classification available on the Australian Border Force website.

### Tariff lines proposed for removal

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| **Chapter Description** | **Number of Tariffs** |
| Chapter 7 - Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers   | 3  |
| Chapter 8 – Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons  | 4  |
| Chapter 11 - Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten  | 1  |
| Chapter 12 - Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder   | 1  |
| Chapter 13 - Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts  | 1  |
| Chapter 15 - Animal, vegetable or microbial fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes   | 3  |
| Chapter 17 - Sugars and sugar confectionery   | 1  |
| Chapter 20 - Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants   | 10  |
| Chapter 21 - Miscellaneous edible preparations   | 2  |
| Chapter 25 - Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement   | 4  |
| Chapter 27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes  | 1  |
| Chapter 28 - Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes  | 12  |
| Chapter 29 - Organic chemicals   | 27  |
| Chapter 32 - Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, pigments and other colouring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks   | 2  |
| Chapter 34 - Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing or scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes, "dental waxes" and dental preparations with a basis of plaster  | 1  |
| Chapter 36 - Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations *(Note: This tariff relates to fireworks that are imported and sold to licenced pyrotechnicians)*   | 4  |
| Chapter 37 - Photographic or cinematographic goods   | 4  |
| Chapter 38 - Miscellaneous chemical products  | 19  |
| Chapter 39 - Plastics and articles thereof  | 28  |
| Chapter 40 - Rubber and articles thereof   | 28  |
| Chapter 41 - Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather   | 2  |
| Chapter 42 - Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)  | 1  |
| Chapter 43 - Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof   | 1  |
| Chapter 51 - Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horsehair yarn and woven fabric   | 1  |
| Chapter 52 - Cotton   | 12  |
| Chapter 53 - Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn   | 1  |
| Chapter 54 - Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials   | 25  |
| Chapter 55 - Man-made staple fibres  | 23  |
| Chapter 56 - Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof  | 9  |
| Chapter 57 - Carpets and other textile floor coverings  | 4  |
| Chapter 58 - Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery   | 5  |
| Chapter 59 - Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use   | 2  |
| Chapter 60 - Knitted or crocheted fabrics   | 12  |
| Chapter 61 - Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted   | 38  |
| Chapter 62 - Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted   | 25  |
| Chapter 63 - Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags   | 24  |
| Chapter 64 - Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles   | 2  |
| Chapter 65 - Headgear and parts thereof  | 1  |
| Chapter 66 - Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops, and parts thereof   | 1  |
| Chapter 68 - Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials   | 9  |
| Chapter 69 - Ceramic products   | 3  |
| Chapter 70 - Glass and glassware   | 11  |
| Chapter 71 - Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin  | 1  |
| Chapter 74 - Copper and articles thereof  | 15  |
| Chapter 82 - Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal   | 7  |
| Chapter 83 - Miscellaneous articles of base metals   | 5  |
| Chapter 84 - Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof *(Note: Tariffs for removal do not include nuclear related items.)*   | 32  |
| Chapter 85 - Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles   | 19  |
| Chapter 86 - Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway or tramway track fixtures and fittings and parts thereof; mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signalling equipment of all kinds   | 6  |
| Chapter 87 - Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof   | 9  |
| Chapter 89 - Ships, boats and floating structures   | 4  |
| Chapter 90 - Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof   | 4  |
| Chapter 91 - Clocks and watches and parts thereof  | 1  |
| Chapter 94 - Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; luminaires and lighting fittings, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated name-plates and the like; prefabricated buildings   | 6  |
| Chapter 95 - Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof   | 8  |
| Chapter 96 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles   | 12  |