



Increase in excise equivalent duty on certain spirit based pre-mixed drinks ‘alcopops’

The Government announced on Saturday 26 April 2008 that the excise equivalent duty applying to certain imported spirit based, pre-mixed drinks ‘alcopops’ or ‘RTDs’ would increase from \$39.36 per litre of alcohol to \$66.67 per litre of alcohol. This increase took effect on and from 27 April 2008. Equivalent changes were also made to the rate of excise payable on similar locally manufactured goods.

Below is a list of the tariff classifications in Schedule 3 of the Customs Tariff that are affected by this increase. Note also that these rate increases also apply to the same goods listed in Schedule 5 (US originating goods) and Schedule 6 (Thai originating goods) of the Customs Tariff.

Tariff Classification	New rate effective 27 April 2008
2203.00.31	\$66.67/Lal
2204.10.23	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable
2204.10.83	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable
2204.21.30	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable
2204.29.30	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable
2205.10.30	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable
2205.90.30	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable
2206.00.52	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable
2206.00.62	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable
2206.00.92	\$66.67/Lal
2208.90.20	\$66.67/Lal, plus customs duty where applicable

ACN 2008/19 will be published in connection with these changes. This ACN plus amended tariff working pages will be available on the Customs website as soon as possible. They will be distributed in hard copy in the week commencing 5 May 2008.