



# PRIME MINISTER

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## TARIFF BOARD REPORT - CIGARETTE PAPER

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, announced today that the Government has accepted the recommendation of the Tariff Board in its report on Cigarette Paper.

The report covered cigarette tissue paper for use in the manufacture of cigarettes, cigarette paper or cigarette papers, but excluded cigarette papers in leaves or booklets containing a number of loose leaves.

Implementation of the recommendations will mean that the products covered by the report will be dutiable at 20%. At present the existing rate of duty for most cigarette paper is 37.5% General plus 7.5% primage. The Board also recommended that filigrained (patterned or embossed) cigarette tissue be admitted duty free under by-law, and that cigarette paper from New Zealand be admitted duty free.

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