



PRIME MINISTER

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Industries Assistance Commission Report - Gloves, Mittens or Mitts

The Prime Minister, Mr E.G. Whitlam, announced today that the Government has accepted the recommendations of the Industries Assistance Commission in its report on gloves, mittens or mitts. The report was released on 6 August 1974.

The Government's decision to implement the Commission's recommendation will mean that a General rate of duty of 25% will apply to gloves of the industrial type that are wholly or partly coated or covered with artificial plastic material and to uncoated knitted or crocheted gloves that are suitable for use in the production of these industrial type gloves. Minimum rates of duty will apply to all other goods under reference such as dress gloves.

Mr Whitlam said that the assistance proposed by the Commission and accepted by the Government was only an interim measure pending the results of the inquiry at present being carried out by the Commission into the Clothing Industry.

Mr Whitlam also said that details of the customs tariff changes arising from the Government's decision will be announced when administrative arrangements to implement them have been finalised.

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