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**JOINT STATEMENT**

**THE PRIME MINISTER, JOHN HOWARD  
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**AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**

The Government has decided on the following arrangements in relation to tariffs and the motor vehicle industry:-

- The current schedule for PMV tariff phasing will continue through to 2000
  - from 1 January 2000 the tariff will be at 15 per cent and will remain at that level for the next 5 years.
  - there will be no differentiation for micro/light vehicles and four wheel drive vehicles. Light commercial vehicles will remain at 5 per cent.
- The Government will legislate forthwith for the tariff to be reduced to 10 per cent on 1 January 2005.
- There will be a review in 2005 which will take account of our APEC commitments and progress on market access.
- A WTO-consistent program will be introduced to replace the Export Facilitation Scheme when it expires in 2000 and will run to 2005.
- The Duty Free Allowance will continue at 15 per cent.
- The Government will introduce a market access strategy including the establishment of a new Automotive Trade Council, the appointment of a specialist trade access negotiator and a market development package worth \$20 million over four years.
- There will also be an environmental strategy, including measures to phase out the use of leaded fuel by 2010 and the development of an industry code of environmental performance.

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