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List of documents that have been proactively released

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NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Heavy Engineering Research Levy Act Amendment Order 2025

Portfolio **Science, Innovation and Technology**

On 9 October 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Heavy Engineering Research Levy Act 1978 (the Act) enables the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) to collect levies on specified goods for the Heavy Engineering Research Association to fund the promotion and conduct of research and other scientific work into or relating to the heavy engineering industry;
- 2 **noted** that in September 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:
 - 2.1 agreed the Working Tariff Document of New Zealand (the Tariff) be amended to give effect to New Zealand's obligations under the Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability (ACCTS);
 - 2.2 invited the Minister of Customs, with the agreement of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to submit a Tariff Amendment Order to the Executive Council to amend the Tariff to implement the Tariff commitments contained in the ACCTS;
- [ECO-24-MIN-0204]
- 3 **noted** that the decision in paragraph 2 was implemented under the Tariff (ACCTS) Amendment Order 2025 and resulted in one of the Tariff codes in Schedule 2 of the Act being revoked and replaced with two new Tariff codes, inadvertently preventing Customs from collecting levies on the impacted classes of items;
- 4 **noted** that Schedule 2 of the Act can be amended via Order in Council in accordance with section 4(4) of the Act;
- 5 **noted** that on 11 July 2025, the Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology authorised drafting of the Heavy Engineering Research Levy Amendment Order 2025 without reference to Cabinet in accordance with Cabinet Manual paragraph 7.95(d), as the matter is routine and does not require new Cabinet decisions;
- 6 **noted** that the Heavy Engineering Research Levy Act Amendment Order 2025 will amend some of the Tariff codes in Schedule 2 of the Act to bring them into line with the recent changes to the Tariff mentioned in paragraph 2 and 3 above;
- 7 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Heavy Engineering Research Levy Act Amendment Order 2025 [PCO 28242/3.0];

- 8 **noted** that the Heavy Engineering Research Levy Act Amendment Order 2025 will come into force on 13 November 2025.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Judith Collins KC (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon James Meager
Stuart Smith, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

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Office of the Leader of the House
Office of the Attorney-General