

Submission No 3

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We wish to make a submission to the review for a post 2000 reduction in the general tariff rates for the following items:-

32.04.11.0008	Disperse Dyes
32.04.16.0015	Reactive Dyes
32.04.12.0009	Acid/Mordant Dyes

The chemical products covered under these items are not produced in Australia and due to the market size and raw material availability it is most unlikely they ever will be produced locally. The tariff duty applied to these products does not protect any local manufacturing industry, but is simply an additional cost-add-on to manufacturing.

We believe that in these times of intense competition from overseas textile manufacturers we should be doing everything to keep the costs of local manufacturing competitive as possible, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Australian economy.

Yours sincerely

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