

# Excise Taxes and Special Levies Notice

May 2, 2006

## Notice to all Importers and Licensed Jewellery Manufacturers and Wholesalers under the *Excise Tax Act*

### ELIMINATION OF THE EXCISE TAX ON JEWELLERY PRODUCTS

On Tuesday, May 2, 2006, the Minister of Finance tabled a Ways and Means Motion to eliminate the excise tax on goods outlined in sections 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of Schedule I to the *Excise Tax Act*. These goods are:

- clocks with a duty paid value or sale price of \$50 or more;
- articles made in whole or in part of natural shells or semi-precious stones;
- jewellery, including diamonds and other precious or semi-precious stones, for personal use or adornment of the person; and
- goldsmiths' and silversmiths' products.

The excise tax on these products is eliminated, effective May 2, 2006.

### Returns and remittances

Excise tax return and remittance forms for the final reporting period will be mailed out to all licensees and should be completed and returned in the usual manner.

### Retention of books and records

Persons who are required to pay or collect taxes or other sums, or who make an application for a deduction, refund or drawback are required to maintain adequate books and records to enable the determination of their tax liabilities and obligations. These records are to be retained for six years from the end of the calendar year for which the books and records are kept, or until written authorization for their prior disposal is given by the Minister of National Revenue.

### Cancellation of licences

All licensed manufacturers and licensed wholesalers of jewellery will be provided with further information at a later date regarding the cancellation of their excise tax licences.

For further information, please consult the Canada Revenue Agency Web site at [www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-e.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-e.html), or call the excise tax information line at 1-866-330-3304.

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