



CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS

IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES IN BUDGET SPEECH 2018-2019

PASSENGERS, IMPORTERS, DECLARANTS AND ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT, FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF THE 2018-2019 BUDGET BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT AND MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON 14TH JUNE 2018, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE APPLICABLE AS FROM 15TH JUNE 2018:

(1) ALLOWANCE FOR PASSENGERS

(a) THE DUTY FREE ALLOWANCE TO PASSENGER TRAVELLING FROM THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES TO THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS AS PROVIDED UNDER *SECTION 116C OF THE CUSTOMS ACT* IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- (i) WHERE THE PASSENGER IS UNDER THE AGE OF 12 YEARS, HE IS ENTITLED TO A DUTY-FREE ALLOWANCE OF **RS. 10,000**; AND
- (ii) IN ANY OTHER CASE, TO A DUTY-FREE ALLOWANCE OF **RS. 20,000**.

(b) THE VALUE FOR DUTY PURPOSES UNDER *ITEM E 10 OF PART II OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT* IS AMENDED TO:

- (i) **RS. 15,000** FOR A PASSENGER WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 12 YEARS OR WHO IS TRAVELLING ON A NON-MAURITIAN PASSPORT; AND

(ii) **RS. 30,000** FOR A PASSENGER TRAVELLING ON A MAURITIAN PASSPORT.

(2) ALLOWANCE RELATING TO TOBACCO, SPIRITS AND WINE, ALE OR BEER.

(a) PART II OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

(i) PARAGRAPH (2) IN ITEM E8 HAVE BEEN DELETED AND REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH (2):

E 8	ANY PASSENGER	<p>(2) THE FOLLOWING GOODS WHEN IMPORTED BY A PASSENGER OF 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER FOR HIS PERSONAL USE AND CONSUMPTION AND IF DECLARED UPON ENTRY, -</p> <p>(A) (i) TOBACCO (INCLUDING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES) NOT EXCEEDING 250 GRAMMES;</p> <p>(ii) SPIRITS NOT EXCEEDING ONE LITRE; AND</p> <p>(iii) WINE, ALE OR BEER NOT EXCEEDING 2 LITRES;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) (i) TOBACCO (INCLUDING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES) NOT EXCEEDING 250 GRAMMES; AND</p> <p>(ii) (I) SPIRITS NOT EXCEEDING 2 LITRES;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(II) WINE, ALE OR BEER NOT EXCEEDING 4 LITRES,</p> <p>PROVIDED THAT DUTY AND VALUE ADDED TAX SHALL BE PAID ON ANY QUANTITY PURCHASED IN A DUTY FREE SHOP IN MAURITIUS OR IMPORTED IN EXCESS OF THOSE AMOUNTS RESPECTIVELY.</p>
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(ii) **ITEM E 96** HAS BEEN DELETED AND REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEM:

E 96	<p>ANY PASSENGER ENTERING THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES FROM THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS OR LEAVING THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES FOR THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS.</p>	<p>THE FOLLOWING GOODS WHEN PURCHASED BY A PASSENGER OF 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, FOR HIS PERSONAL USE AND CONSUMPTION, AT A DUTY FREE SHOP SITUATED IN AN AIRPORT OR A PORT IN THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES ON HIS ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE AND IF DECLARED UPON ENTRY –</p> <p>(A) (i) TOBACCO (INCLUDING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES) NOT EXCEEDING 250 GRAMMES;</p> <p>(ii) SPIRITS NOT EXCEEDING ONE LITRE; AND</p> <p>(iii) WINE, ALE OR BEER NOT EXCEEDING 2 LITRES;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) (i) TOBACCO (INCLUDING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES) NOT EXCEEDING 250 GRAMMES; AND</p> <p>(ii) (I) SPIRITS NOT EXCEEDING 2 LITRES;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(II) WINE, ALE OR BEER NOT EXCEEDING 4 LITRES;</p> <p>PROVIDED THAT –</p> <p>(a) VALUE ADDED TAX SHALL BE PAYABLE ON THE GOODS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B); AND</p> <p>(b) DUTY AND VALUE ADDED TAX SHALL BE PAID ON ANY QUANTITY PURCHASED IN EXCESS OF THOSE AMOUNTS, RESPECTIVELY.</p>
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(b) PART IA OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EXCISE ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ITEMS 10 AND 71 OF PART IA THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EXCISE ACT HAVE BEEN DELETED AND REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEMS:

10	ANY PASSENGER	<p>(A) (i) TOBACCO (INCLUDING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES) NOT EXCEEDING 250 GRAMMES;</p> <p>(ii) SPIRITS NOT EXCEEDING ONE LITRE; AND</p> <p>(iii) WINE, ALE OR BEER NOT EXCEEDING 2 LITRES;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) (i) TOBACCO (INCLUDING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES) NOT EXCEEDING 250 GRAMMES; AND</p> <p>(ii) (I) SPIRITS NOT EXCEEDING 2 LITRES;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(II) WINE, ALE OR BEER NOT EXCEEDING 4 LITRES;</p> <p>WHEN IMPORTED AS HIS ACCOMPANYING BONA FIDE BAGGAGE BY A PASSENGER OF 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER FOR HIS PERSONAL USE AND CONSUMPTION AND IF DECLARED UPON ENTRY</p> <p>PROVIDED ALSO THAT EXCISE DUTY SHALL BE PAID ON ANY QUANTITY PURCHASED IN A DUTY FREE SHOP IN MAURITIUS OR IMPORTED IN EXCESS OF THOSE AMOUNTS RESPECTIVELY</p>	0 PER CENT
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71	<p>ANY PASSENGER ENTERING THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES FROM THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS OR LEAVING THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES FOR THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS.</p>	<p>THE FOLLOWING GOODS WHEN PURCHASED BY A PASSENGER OF 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, FOR HIS PERSONAL USE AND CONSUMPTION, AT A DUTY FREE SHOP SITUATED IN AN AIRPORT OR A PORT IN THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES ON HIS ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE AND IF DECLARED UPON ENTRY –</p> <p>(A) (i) TOBACCO (INCLUDING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES) NOT EXCEEDING 250 GRAMMES;</p> <p>(ii) SPIRITS NOT EXCEEDING ONE LITRE; AND</p> <p>(iii) WINE, ALE OR BEER NOT EXCEEDING 2 LITRES;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) (i) TOBACCO (INCLUDING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES) NOT EXCEEDING 250 GRAMMES; AND</p> <p>(ii) (I) SPIRITS NOT EXCEEDING 2 LITRES;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(II) WINE, ALE OR BEER NOT EXCEEDING 4 LITRES,</p> <p>PROVIDED THAT –</p> <p>(a) VALUE ADDED TAX SHALL BE PAYABLE ON THE GOODS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B); AND</p> <p>(b) EXCISE DUTY AND VALUE ADDED TAX SHALL BE PAID ON ANY QUANTITY PURCHASED IN EXCESS OF THOSE</p>	0 PER CENT
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		AMOUNTS, RESPECTIVELY.	
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(3) REGULATION 82 OF THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS 1989

REGULATION 82 IS AMENDED BY DELETING THE WORDS “OF A VALUE LESS THAN 30,000 RUPEES”.

(4) CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION

CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION AT IMPORTATION SHALL BE GRANTED ON –

(I) ANY GOODS IMPORTED IN SEMI-KNOCKED DOWN CONDITION WHEN PROVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL THAT THEY REQUIRE FURTHER PROCESSING RESULTING IN VALUE-ADDITION OF 20% OF THE C.I.F VALUE AT IMPORT; AND

(II) ACOUSTIC DOORS (SOUND PROOF) OF ANY MATERIAL.

TO IMPLEMENT THESE ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES, THE UNDER-MENTIONED NEW CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCS) HAVE BEEN CREATED:

S/N	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	70SKD	WAREHOUSING OF GOODS IN SEMI-KNOCKED DOWN CONDITION WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER PROCESSING RESULTING IN VALUE-ADDITION OF 20% OF THE C.I.F VALUE AT IMPORT
2	40SKD	DIRECT IMPORTATION OF GOODS IN SEMI-KNOCKED DOWN CONDITION WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER PROCESSING RESULTING IN VALUE-ADDITION OF 20% OF THE C.I.F VALUE AT IMPORT- ICD EXEMPTED
3	47SKD	EX-WAREHOUSING OF GOODS IN SEMI-KNOCKED DOWN CONDITION WHICH REQUIRE

		FURTHER PROCESSING RESULTING IN VALUE-ADDITION OF 20% OF THE C.I.F VALUE AT IMPORT- ICD EXEMPTED
4	49SKD	IMPORT FROM FREEPORT OF GOODS IN SEMI-KNOCKED DOWN CONDITION WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER PROCESSING RESULTING IN VALUE-ADDITION OF 20% OF THE C.I.F VALUE AT IMPORT - ICD EXEMPTED
5	70ACD	WAREHOUSING OF ACOUSTIC DOOR OF ANY MATERIAL
6	40ACD	DIRECT IMPORTATION OF ACOUSTIC DOOR OF ANY MATERIAL - ICD EXEMPTED
7	47ACD	EX-WAREHOUSING OF ACOUSTIC DOOR OF ANY MATERIAL - ICD EXEMPTED
8	49ACD	IMPORT FROM FREEPORT OF ACOUSTIC DOOR OF ANY MATERIAL - ICD EXEMPTED

(5) EXCISE DUTY –

(a) PART II OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EXCISE ACT IS AMENDED BY -

(I) DELETING THE H.S CODES 2710.19.19 AND 2710.19.50 AND THEIR CORRESPONDING ENTRIES; AND

(II) INSERTING, IN THE APPROPRIATE NUMERICAL ORDER, THE HS CODES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING ENTRIES SPECIFIED IN THE TABLE BELOW:

Column 1		Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Heading	H.S. Code	Excisable Goods	Statistical Unit	Taxable Base	Rate of MID Levy
	2710.19.19	---- Other (Mogas)	L	Specific duty per litre	0
	2710.19.50	--- Gas oils	L	Specific duty per litre	0

(b) AMENDMENTS TO PART IA OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EXCISE ACT

(i) EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTION

IN **ITEMS 25, 53 AND 72**, THE BENEFICIARIES REFERRED THEREIN SHALL BENEFIT EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTION ON A MOTOR CAR AS PER THE ITEMS FOR AN ENGINE CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 1600 CC. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THIS EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTION UNDER ITEM 72 SHALL ALSO APPLY FOR DOUBLE SPACE CABIN VEHICLE IN THE CASE OF RESIDENTS OF RODRIGUES ONLY.

(ii) EXCISE DUTY CONCESSION

UTILITY TASK VEHICLES OF CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING 550 CC (ALSO KNOWN AS BUGGY) OF A KIND USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES WILL ATTRACT **EXCISE DUTY AT THE RATE OF 10%**.

TO IMPLEMENT THIS ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURE, THE UNDER-MENTIONED NEW CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCS) HAVE BEEN CREATED:

S/N	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	70BUG	WAREHOUSING OF UTILITY TASK VEHICLES OF CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING 550 CC (ALSO KNOWN AS BUGGY) OF A KIND USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

2	40BUG	DIRECT IMPORTATION OF UTILITY TASK VEHICLES OF CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING 550 CC (ALSO KNOWN AS BUGGY) OF A KIND USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES –EXCISE DUTY AT THE RATE OF 10% APPLICABLE
3	47BUG	EX-WAREHOUSING OF UTILITY TASK VEHICLES OF CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING 550 CC (ALSO KNOWN AS BUGGY) OF A KIND USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES –EXCISE DUTY AT THE RATE OF 10% APPLICABLE
4	49BUG	IMPORT FROM FREEPORT OF UTILITY TASK VEHICLES OF CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING 550 CC (ALSO KNOWN AS BUGGY) OF A KIND USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES –EXCISE DUTY AT THE RATE OF 10% APPLICABLE

(6) AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT

THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT IS AMENDED -

(A) BY INSERTING IN ITEM 64, AFTER THE WORDS “CLOCK PARTS OF HEADING 91.14”, THE WORDS “AND WATCH STRAPS, WATCH BANDS AND WATCH BRACELETS AND PARTS THEREOF OF H.S. CODE 9113.90.00”; AND

(B) BY DELETING IN ITEM 66 THE WORDS “AND ANTI-SMOKING PATCHES” AND REPLACING THEM BY THE WORDS “, ANTI-SMOKING PATCHES, ANTI-SMOKING TABLETS AND THE LIKE”.

(7) AMENDMENT TO THE FIFTH SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT IS AMENDED BY INSERTING IN ITEM 7(AA), AFTER THE WORD “PHOTOVOLTAIC”, THE WORDS “SYSTEM INCLUDING PHOTOVOLTAIC”.

TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURES AT PARAGRAPHS (6) AND (7), THE INTEGRATED TARIFF IS AMENDED AS PER **ANNEX I** BY:

(i) DELETING THE H.S CODES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING ENTRIES SPECIFIED IN **PART A**; AND

(ii) INSERTING, IN THE APPROPRIATE NUMERICAL ORDER, THE HS CODES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING ENTRIES SPECIFIED IN **PART B**.

WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPHS (3)-(7), DECLARANTS AND IMPORTERS ARE ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH MNS FOR UPDATE OF THEIR FRONT END SYSTEM.

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14TH JUNE 2018