

AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT

ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED AS PER G.N. NO. 330 OF 2022 TO CATER FOR -

- (1) (A) THE AMENDMENTS TO HS NOMENCLATURE 2022 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE H.S COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION;
- (B) THE THIRD PHASE OF TARIFF REDUCTION FOR THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
- (C) NEW H.S CODE FOR "MEDICINAL CANNABIS" PURSUANT TO AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT BY THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2022 (ACT NO. 17 OF 2022).

FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE MEASURES –

- (a) PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED -
 - (i) BY DELETING THE HEADINGS AND H.S. CODES SPECIFIED IN PART I OF **ANNEX I**; AND
 - (ii) BY INSERTING, IN THE APPROPRIATE NUMERICAL ORDER, THE HEADINGS AND HS CODES SPECIFIED IN PART II OF **ANNEX I**.
- (b) AMENDMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT, IN RELATION TO PARAGRAPH (1)(A), AS PER **ANNEX II**.

THE MEASURES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL COME INTO OPERATION ON **1 JANUARY 2023**.

- (2) THE THIRD PHASE OUT OF THE SAFEGUARD DUTY ON "SPREAD" AND "MARGARINE", -
 - (a) BY DELETING THE H.S CODES 1517.10.10 AND 1517.10.90; AND
 - (b) BY INSERTING, IN THE APPROPRIATE NUMERICAL ORDER, THE HS CODES SPECIFIED IN **ANNEX III**,

THE MEASURE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) SHALL COME INTO OPERATION ON **29 JANUARY 2023**.

KINDLY NOTE THAT ANNEX I AND ANNEX III ARE IN THE FORMAT OF THE INTEGRATED TARIFF.

- (3) IT IS ALSO TO BE NOTED THAT CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCs) 40MCA, 47MCA AND 49MCA AS PER NOTICE ISSUED ON 20 DECEMBER 2022, SHALL BE DEACTIVATED ON 1 JANUARY 2023.

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, YOU MAY CONTACT THE TARIFF UNIT ON 202 0500 (EXT: 7480, 7487 OR 7453).

YOU ARE KINDLY ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH MNS FOR UPDATE OF YOUR FRONT END SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO THE ABOVE MEASURES.