

IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES AS PER THE FINANCE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2024

ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED OF THE FOLLOWING MEASURES BEING IMPLEMENTED AS PER THE FINANCE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2024 (ACT NO. 11 of 2024) –

(1) MEASURES ENTERING INTO OPERATION ON 27 JULY 2024

(a) EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTIONS

- (i) SUB-PART A OF PART IA OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE **EXCISE ACT** HAS BEEN AMENDED BY INSERTING ITEMS 23A, 38A AND 72A TO CATER FOR THE EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTIONS AS SET OUT IN **ANNEX I**.
- (ii) FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF ITEMS 23A, 38A AND 72A, THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCs) HAVE BEEN CREATED AS PER **TABLE 1** BELOW –

TABLE 1

SN	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	4023A	DIRECT IMPORTATION OF MOTOR CAR UNDER ITEM 23A OF SUB-PART A OF PART IA TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF EXCISE ACT – EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTED
2	4723A	EX-WAREHOUSING OF MOTOR CAR UNDER ITEM 23A OF SUB-PART A OF PART IA TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF EXCISE ACT – EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTED
3	4038F	DIRECT IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER ITEM 38A OF SUB-PART A OF PART IA TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF EXCISE ACT – EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTED
4	4738F	EX-WAREHOUSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER ITEM 38A OF SUB-PART A OF PART IA TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF EXCISE ACT – EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTED
5	4072A	DIRECT IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER ITEM 72A OF SUB-PART A OF PART IA TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF EXCISE ACT – EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTED
6	4772A	EX-WAREHOUSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER ITEM 72A OF SUB-PART A OF PART IA TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF EXCISE ACT – EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTED

(b) VAT EXEMPTION TO A PERSON HOLDING AN INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE AND ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

- (i) ITEM 27 OF THE NINTH SCHEDULE TO THE **VALUE ADDED TAX ACT** HAS BEEN AMENDED FOR THE EXISTING VAT EXEMPTION UNDER THIS ITEM TO BE EXTENDED TO THE PROVISION OF “PRE-PRIMARY” EDUCATION.
- (ii) FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MEASURE, CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCs) -
 - (A) **40H27, 47H27 AND 49H27** SHALL BE USED FOR ITEM 27(a) OF NINTH SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT;
 - (B) **40L27, 47L27 AND 49L27** SHALL BE USED FOR ITEM 27(b) OF NINTH SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT.

(c) VEGETABLE SEEDS, FRUIT AND FLOWER SEEDS, BULBS AND PLANTS USED FOR SOWING OR PLANTING

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE (VAT AT ZERO-RATE) TO THE VALUE ADDED TAX ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED, BY INSERTING IN ITEM 2, THE FOLLOWING NEW SUB-ITEM –

- (ga) *vegetable seeds, fruit and flower seeds, bulbs and plants used for sowing or planting;*

(2) MEASURES COMING INTO OPERATION ON 01 AUGUST 2024

(a) NEW DEFINITION OF “CAN”

SECTION 2 OF THE EXCISE ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED, TO CATER FOR A NEW DEFINITION OF “CAN” WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS –

“can” means a container of any shape or size manufactured from any metal or metal alloy;

(b) SPECIFIED CATEGORIES OF WINE, PLANT-BASED MILK BEVERAGES, EXCISABLE GOODS CONTAINED IN PLANT-BASED BOTTLES, BABY LOTIONS, SEEDLING TRAYS, PLANT POTS AND AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL SPRAYERS AND GARLANDS

- (i) PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE **CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT** HAS BEEN AMENDED TO CATER FOR TARIFF SPLITS FOR PLANT-BASED MILK BEVERAGES, GARLANDS, SPECIFIED CATEGORIES OF WINE, EXCISABLE GOODS CONTAINED IN PLANT-BASED BOTTLES, BABY

LOTIONS, SEEDLING TRAYS, PLANT POTS AND AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL SPRAYERS.

- (ii) PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE **EXCISE ACT** HAS BEEN AMENDED TO CATER FOR -

- (A) SPECIFIED CATEGORIES OF WINE;

KINDLY NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES, CREATED FOR THE WAREHOUSING / CLEARANCE OF "FRUIT WINE IN CAN" HAVE BEEN DEACTIVATED WITH THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THIS MEASURE: 70FWC, 40FWC, 47FWC, 49FWC, 37FWC, 50FWC, 35FWC, 10FWC, E7FWC, E4FWC AND E1FWC.

- (B) EXCISABLE GOODS CONTAINED IN PLANT-BASED BOTTLES;

- (C) CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO PLANT-BASED MILK BEVERAGES.

- (iii) THE FIFTH SCHEDULE TO THE **VALUE ADDED TAX ACT** HAS BEEN AMENDED, TO CATER FOR THE FOLLOWING GOODS TO BE VAT AT ZERO-RATE, BY INSERTING -

- (A) IN ITEM 2, THE FOLLOWING NEW SUB-ITEMS –

(gb) seedling trays of H.S. Code 3926.90.91;

(gc) plant pots of H.S. Code 3926.90.92;

(gd) agricultural or horticultural sprayers of H.S. Codes 8424.41.00 and 8424.49.00;

- (B) AFTER ITEM 50, THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEM –

50A. Baby lotions of H.S. Code 3304.99.20.

CONSEQUENTLY, FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES UNDER PARAGRAPHS (i), (ii) and (iii), **THE INTEGRATED TARIFF** HAS BEEN AMENDED –

- (A) BY DELETING THE H.S CODES SPECIFIED IN PART I OF **ANNEX II**;
(B) BY INSERTING, IN THE APPROPRIATE NUMERICAL ORDER, THE H.S CODES SPECIFIED IN PART II OF **ANNEX II**;

(c) **MANUFACTURE OF GOLDEN RUM, GOLDEN LOCAL RUM AND GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM**

- (i) THE EXCISE ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED TO CATER FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF GOLDEN RUM, GOLDEN LOCAL RUM AND GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM;
- (ii) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE UNDER PARAGRAPH (I), THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCs) HAVE BEEN CREATED AS PER TABLE 2 BELOW –

TABLE 2

SN	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	70GLA	WAREHOUSING OF RUM OR AGRICULTURAL RUM FOR TRANSFER UNDER CPC 77GLA TO EXCISE WAREHOUSE FOR MANUFACTURE OF GOLDEN RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM
2	70GLR	WAREHOUSING OF GOLDEN RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM IN A BONDED WAREHOUSE FROM AN EXCISE WAREHOUSE
3	77GLA	TRANSFER OF RUM OR AGRICULTURAL RUM FROM A BONDED WAREHOUSE TO AN EXCISE WAREHOUSE FOR MANUFACTURE OF GOLDEN RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM
4	47GLR	EXWAREHOUSING OF GOLDEN RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM FROM A BONDED WAREHOUSE – DET PAYABLE
5	10GLR	DIRECT EXPORT LOCALLY MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED OF GOLDEN RUM, GOLDEN LOCAL RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM
6	E7GLA	WAREHOUSING OF RUM, LOCAL RUM OR AGRICULTURAL RUM IN AN EXCISE WAREHOUSE FOR MANUFACTURE OF GOLDEN RUM, GOLDEN LOCAL RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM
7	E7GLR	WAREHOUSING OF GOLDEN RUM, GOLDEN LOCAL RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM
8	E4GLR	EXWAREHOUSING OF GOLDEN RUM, GOLDEN LOCAL RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM – DET PAYABLE
9	E1GLR	EXPORT OF LOCALLY MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED OF GOLDEN RUM, GOLDEN LOCAL RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM
10	E9GLR	TRANSFER OF GOLDEN RUM, GOLDEN LOCAL RUM OR GOLDEN AGRICULTURAL RUM FROM AN EXCISE WAREHOUSE TO ANOTHER EXCISE WAREHOUSE

(d) **VAT EXEMPTION ON A MOTOR CAR OR DOUBLE SPACE CABIN VEHICLE FOR USE AS TAXI**

- (i) THE **ONCE-IN A LIFETIME** VAT EXEMPTION, UNDER ITEM 96 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE **VALUE ADDED TAX ACT**, ON THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR CAR OR A DOUBLE SPACE CABIN VEHICLE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, FOR USE AS TAXI, HAS BEEN INCREASED **UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 120,000 RUPEES** OF THE VAT PAYABLE.
- (ii) IN ORDER TO BENEFIT VAT EXEMPTION UNDER THIS MEASURE, THE ECONOMIC OPERATOR SHALL –
- (A) COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS SET OUT UNDER ITEM 96 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE VALUE ADDED TAX ACT; AND
- (B) FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AS LAID DOWN IN THE NOTICE ISSUED ON 14 FEBRUARY 2020.
- (iii) FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MEASURE, THE CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCs) AS PER **TABLE 3** HAVE BEEN AMENDED AS FOLLOWS –

TABLE 3

SN	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	40M96	DIRECT IMPORT OF A MOTOR CAR BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, A HOLDER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE RESIDENT OF THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS – VAT EXEMPTED AS PER ITEM 96 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT
2	47M96	EXWAREHOUSING OF A MOTOR CAR BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, A HOLDER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE RESIDENT OF THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS – VAT EXEMPTED AS PER ITEM 96 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT
3	40R96	DIRECT IMPORT OF A MOTOR CAR OR DOUBLE SPACE CABIN VEHICLE BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, A HOLDER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE RESIDENT OF THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES – VAT EXEMPTED AS PER ITEM 96 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT
4	47R96	EXWAREHOUSING OF A MOTOR CAR OR DOUBLE SPACE CABIN VEHICLE BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, A HOLDER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE RESIDENT OF THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES – VAT EXEMPTED AS PER ITEM 96 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE VAT ACT

(3) OTHER MEASURES

PART I EXCISE LICENCE - “MANUFACTURER OF ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS AND LIQUOR (STORAGE AND MATURATION)”

PART I OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE EXCISE ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED TO CATER FOR THE FOLLOWING NEW EXCISE LICENCE -

COLUMN 1 LICENCE	COLUMN 2 LICENCE FEE YEARLY Rs	COLUMN 3 BUSINESS AUTHORISED
Manufacturer of alcoholic products and liquor (Storage and Maturation)	25,000	(a) To store alcohol for maturation; and (b) (i) To export; or (ii) To transfer to another excise licensee, the matured excisable goods.

THIS MEASURE SHALL COME INTO OPERATION ON **01 JANUARY 2025**.

YOU ARE KINDLY ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH MNS FOR UPDATE OF YOUR FRONT END SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO THE MEASURES AT PARAGRAPHS 1(a)(ii), 2(b), 2(c)(ii) and 2(d)(iii).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE MEASURES AT PARAGRAPH 1(a) and 2(d), YOU MAY CONTACT THE MOTOR VEHICLE UNIT ON 202 0500 EXT. 7070 OR 7073.