



CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO ECONOMIC OPERATORS

SINGLE USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS

**AMENDMENTS TO THE EXCISE ACT, THE EXCISE
REGULATIONS 1994 AND THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT**

ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT –

- (1) PLASTIC CONTAINERS, PLATES, BOWLS, CUPS AND TRAYS SHALL NO LONGER BE EXCISABLE PRODUCTS UNDER THE EXCISE ACT AND EXCISE REGULATIONS 1994 AS FROM 15 JANUARY 2021.
- (2) THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (CONTROL OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS) REGULATIONS 2020 (**GN NO. 156 OF 2020**) HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 89 OF 18 JULY 2020, RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION / MANUFACTURING OF –
 - (A) BIODEGRADABLE SINGLE USE PRODUCT;
 - (B) NON-BIODEGRADABLE SINGLE USE PLASTIC PRODUCT; AND
 - (C) REUSABLE PLASTIC PRODUCT.
- (3) ALL PRODUCTS FALLING UNDER THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BE CONTROLLED PRODUCTS BY THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, AT IMPORTATION FOR **HOME CONSUMPTION ONLY**.
- (4) FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE MEASURES, PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT IS BEING AMENDED BY:
 - (A) DELETING THE H.S. CODES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING ENTRIES SPECIFIED IN **PART A OF ANNEX I**; AND

(B) INSERTING, IN THE APPROPRIATE NUMERICAL ORDER, THE H.S CODES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING ENTRIES SPECIFIED IN **PART B OF ANNEX I.**

KINDLY NOTE THAT **ANNEX I** IS IN THE FORMAT OF THE INTEGRATED TARIFF.

(5) A NEW PERMIT CODE (P89) HAS BEEN CREATED FOR THE CLEARANCE OF GOODS FALLING UNDER THESE REGULATIONS.

THE ABOVE MEASURES SHALL COME INTO OPERATION ON **15th JANUARY 2021.**

YOU ARE KINDLY ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH MNS FOR UPDATE OF YOUR FRONT END SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPHS (4) AND (5).

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