

EXCISE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXCISE ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Excise (Amendment) Act, 2017.

2. Amends the Schedule to No. 24 of 2013.

The Schedule to the Excise Act is amended —

- (i) by deleting the words “10%” appearing in the column “Rate of Tax” corresponding to Tariff Code Heading/Subheading “8714.2000”; and substituting therefor the word “Free”;
- (ii) by deleting the words “45%” appearing in the column “Rate of Tax” corresponding to Tariff Code Headings/Subheadings “4011.1000”; “4011.2000”; “4011.3000”; “4011.4000”; “4011.5000”; “4011.6100”; “4011.6200”; “4011.6300”; “4011.6900”; “4011.9200”; “4011.9300”; “4011.9400”; “4011.9900”; “4012.1100”; “4012.1200”; “4012.1300”; “4012.1900”; “4012.2010”; “4012.2020”; “4012.2090”; “4012.9010”; “4012.9020”; “4012.9090”; “4013.1000”; “4013.2000”; “4013.9010”; “4013.9020”; “4013.9090”; and substituting therefor the words “25%”;
- (iii) by deleting the words “65%” appearing in the column “Rate of Tax” corresponding to Tariff Code Heading/Subheading “8711.9010”; and substituting therefor the words “25%”;
- (iv) by deleting Tariff Code Heading/Subheading “2402.10”; and all entries corresponding thereto and substituting therefor the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	GOODS	RATE OF TAX
2402.10	- Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos, containing tobacco:	
2402.1010	--- Cigars	.50 cent per stick and 220%
2402.1020	--- Cheroots and cigarillos	.25 cent per stick
2402.1090	--- Other	200%

”

- (v) by deleting Tariff Code Headings/Subheadings “87.02”; “87.03”; “87.04”; and all entries corresponding thereto and substituting therefor the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	GOODS	RATE OF TAX
87.02	Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver.	
8702.10	- With compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel):	
8702.1010	--- New, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel)	85%
8702.1020	--- Used, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), not exceeding 10 years	85%
8702.1030	--- Used, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), exceeding 10 years	85%
8702.9000	- Other	85%
87.03	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars.	
8703.10	- Vehicles specially designed for travelling on snow; golf cars and similar vehicles:	
8703.1010	--- Golf cars	30%
8703.1090	--- Other	30%
	- Other vehicles, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine:	

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8703.21	-- Of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,000 cc:	
8703.2110	--- New motor vehicles	65%
8703.2120	--- Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.2130	--- Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.2140	--- New hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.2150	--- Used hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.22	-- Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1,000 cc but not exceeding 1,500 cc:	
8703.2210	--- New motor vehicles	65%
8703.2220	--- Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.2230	--- Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.2240	--- New hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.2250	--- Used hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.23	-- Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1,500 cc but not exceeding 3,000 cc:	
8703.2310	--- New motor vehicles	65%
8703.2320	--- Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.2330	--- Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.2340	--- New hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.2350	--- Used hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.24	-- Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 3,000 cc:	
8703.2410	--- New motor vehicles	65%
8703.2420	--- Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.2430	--- Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.2440	--- New hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.2450	--- Used hybrid motor vehicles	25%
	- Other vehicles, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi diesel):	
8703.31	-- Of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,500 cc:	
8703.3110	--- New motor vehicles	65%
8703.3120	--- Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	65%

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8703.3130	-- Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.3140	-- New hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.3150	-- Used hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.32	-- Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1,500 cc; but not exceeding 2,500 cc:	
8703.3210	-- New motor vehicles	65%
8703.3220	--- Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.3230	--- Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.3240	-- New hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.3250	--- Used hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.33	-- Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2,500 cc:	
8703.3310	--- New motor vehicles	65%
8703.3320	--- Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.3330	-- Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	65%
8703.3340	-- New hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.3350	--- Used hybrid motor vehicles	25%
8703.90	- Other:	
8703.9010	--- New electric motor vehicles	25%
8703.9020	-- Used electric motor vehicles	25%
87.04	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.	
8704.10	- Dumpers designed for off-highway use:	
8704.1010	--- New dumpers designed for off-highway use	65%
8704.1020	--- Used dumpers designed for off-highway use not exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.1030	--- Used dumpers designed for off-highway use exceeding 10 years	65%
	- Other, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel):	
8704.21	-- g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes:	
8704.2110	--- New vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes	65%
8704.2120	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.2130	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.2140	--- New hybrid vehicle of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes	25%

8704.2150	--- Used hybrid vehicle of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes	25%
8704.22	-- g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes:	
8704.2210	--- New vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes	65%
8704.2220	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes, and not exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.2230	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes, and exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.2240	--- New hybrid vehicle of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes	25%
8704.2250	--- Used hybrid vehicle of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes	25%
8704.23	-- g.v.w. exceeding 20 tonnes:	
8704.2310	--- New vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 20 tonnes	85%
8704.2320	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 20 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years	85%
8704.2330	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 20 tonnes and exceeding 10 years	85%
	- Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine:	
8704.31	-- g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes:	
8704.3110	--- New vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes	65%
8704.3120	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.3130	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.3140	--- New hybrid vehicle of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes	25%
8704.3150	--- Used hybrid vehicle of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes	25%
8704.32	-- g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes:	
8704.3210	--- New vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes	65%
8704.3220	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.3230	--- Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes and exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.3240	--- New hybrid vehicle of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes	25%
8704.3250	--- Used hybrid vehicle of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes	25%
8704.90	- Other:	
8704.9010	---New vehicles	65%

8704.9020	--- Used vehicles not exceeding 10 years	65%
8704.9030	--- Used vehicles exceeding 10 years	65%

(vi) by deleting Tariff Code Heading/Subheading "98.78"; and all entries corresponding thereto and substituting therefor the following —

TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY			UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
		General Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
98.78	General exemption for craft parts and accessories for use by craft on scheduled international air or sea services, and crafts on scheduled and chartered services domestically and internationally				
9878.00	Aircraft parts and accessories for use by aircraft on scheduled and chartered domestic and international flights				
9878.0010	Aircraft accessories and instruments necessary for aircraft operations	Free			
9878.0020	Lubricants, de-icing fluids, hydraulic and cooling fluids to be used by aircraft	Free			
9878.0030	Equipment and machinery specifically designed for ground repair, maintenance and the service of crafts for use within the limits of any customs place	Free			
9878.0040	Catering equipment owned or leased by airport operators for use aboard aircraft	Free			

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend the Excise Act (*No. 24 of 2013*) to reduce the taxes and duties on certain imported goods.

Clause 1 of this Bill sets out the Short title.

Clause 2 of this Bill provides, *inter alia*, for the reduction on —

- (a) parts and accessories of carriages for disabled persons;
- (b) new pneumatic tyres, of rubber used on —
 - (i) motor cars (including station wagons and racing cars);
 - (ii) buses or lorries;
 - (iii) aircraft;
 - (iv) motorcycles; and
 - (v) bicycles,from 45 per cent to 25 per cent;
- (c) retreaded tyres used on buses or lorries and aircraft from 45 per cent to 25 per cent;
- (d) used pneumatic tyres used on buses or lorries and motor cars from 45 per cent to 25 per cent;
- (e) inner tubes, of rubber used on —
 - (i) motor cars (including station wagons and racing cars);
 - (ii) buses or lorries;
 - (iii) aircraft;
 - (iv) motorcycles; and
 - (v) bicycles,from 45 per cent to 25 per cent;
- (f) electric motor cycle from 65 per cent to 25 per cent.

Clause 2 of this Bill further replaces the rate of “.25 cent per stick” on other cigars, cheroots and cigarillos including beadies with “200 per cent”.