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REMINDER NOTICE

The public is reminded that effective October 1, 2025 until March 31, 2026, a number of essential food items shall be exempted from VAT as instructed by the Minister of Finance during the 2025 / 2026 national budget address. During this six-month period, VAT will not be charged on the following items when imported or at any point during the sale process.

ESSENTIAL FOODS ITEMS

1. Exempt from Value Added Tax

TARIFF HEADINGS	DESCRIPTION
0305.51.00	CODFISH
0305.61.00	HERRINGS (SALTED)
0703.10.10	ONIONS
0703.20.00	GARLIC
0713.10.20	SPLIT PEAS
0713.39.10	BLACKEYE PEAS
0713.33.10	RED KIDNEY BEANS
0713.40.00	LENTILS
0713.60.00	PIGEON PEAS (CAJANUS CAJAN)
1101.12.00	OATS
1104.22.00	OATS
1103.11.10	CREAM OF WHEAT

1103.13.00	CORN MEAL		
1602.49.10	LUNCHEON MEAT		
1602.50.10	CANNED CORNED BEEF		
1604.12.00	CANNED HERRING		
1604.13.10	CANNED SARDINES		
1604.14.10	CANNED TUNAS		
1604.15.00	CANNEDMACKEREL		
1904	CEREAL		
1905.90.10	BISCUITS, UNSWEETENED		
2009.10	ORANGE JUICE		
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2103.20.10	TOMATO KETCHUP		
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3306.10.10	TOOTHPASTES		
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3402.20 20 3402.20 30	LAUNDRY DETERGENTS LAUNDRY DETERGENTS		
3402.20 30	LAUNDRY DETERGENTS		
4818.10.00	TOILET PAPER		
4010.10.00	TOILLI I AI LK		
9619.00.11	Sanitary towels and tampons		
9619.00.12	NAPKINS AND NAPKIN LINERS FOR BABIES		
9619.00.13	NAPKINS AND NAPKIN LINERS FOR ADULTS		
9619.00.21	Sanitary towels and tampons		
9619.00.22	NAPKINS AND NAPKIN LINERS FOR BABIES		
9619.00.23	NAPKINS AND NAPKIN LINERS FOR ADULTS		

Additionally, the following items will also be relieved from Customs duty at the point of import during the same period:

2. Relief of Import Duty:

TARIFF HEADINGS	DESCRIPTION	IMPORT DUTY RATE
0713.60.00	PIGEON PEAS (CAJANUS CAJAN)	0%
1602.49.10	LUNCHEON MEAT	0%
1602.50.10	CANNED CORNED BEEF	0%
1904	CEREAL	0%

1905.90.10	BISCUITS, UNSWEETENED	0%
2009.10	ORANGE JUICE	0%
2103.20.10	TOMATO KETCHUP	0%
3306.10.10	TOOTHPASTES	0%
3402.20 20	LAUNDRY DETERGENTS	0%
3402.20 30	LAUNDRY DETERGENTS	0%
2202.99.99.10	ALMOND MILK	0%
2202.99.99.20	SOY MILK	0%

Please be guided accordingly.

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