

NOTICE

MRA VAT LUCKY DRAW SCHEME 2014

During the campaign of the VAT Lucky Draw in the 1st Quarter ending 30 March 2014, the attention of the MRA has been drawn that some VAT Registered persons:

- Refused to issue VAT Invoices
- Issued VAT Invoices which are not in accordance to Section 20 of the VAT Act
- Issued “MEMOs” in lieu of VAT Invoices
- Offered price discount against payment of VAT and issuance of a VAT Invoice

All VAT registered persons are hereby reminded that each of the above practices constitutes **an offence under the VAT Act.**

Offenders shall be prosecuted and on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs 50,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years. (Sections 56 & 60 of the VAT Act).

The attention of the public is also drawn that it is an offence to accept a price discount against payment of VAT on purchase of a product or a service liable to the payment of VAT.

Enforcement officers shall be deployed on the fields to ensure that the provisions of the VAT Act are duly respected by both the VAT registered persons and the public in their commercial transactions.