



CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO ECONOMIC OPERATORS

VAT EXEMPTION UNDER ITEM 96 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX ACT TO A HOLDER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE

ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT **ITEM 96** IS BEING INTRODUCED TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX ACT, WHEREBY THE HOLDER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE SHALL BENEFIT FROM VAT EXEMPTION, PROVIDED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE COMPLIED WITH:

(1) UNDER ITEM 96 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX ACT, THE EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF VAT ON A MOTOR CAR OR DOUBLE SPACE CABIN VEHICLE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, SHALL BE GRANTED, –

(A) SUBJECT TO THIS ITEM –

(I) ON ONE MOTOR CAR, IN THE CASE OF A RESIDENT OF THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS; OR

(II) ON ONE MOTOR CAR OR ONE DOUBLE SPACE CABIN VEHICLE, IN THE CASE OF A RESIDENT OF THE ISLAND OF RODRIGUES,

FOR USE AS TAXI AND IMPORTED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, THE HOLDER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY.

(B) (I) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 100,000 RUPEES OF THE VAT PAYABLE;

(II) AT THE TIME OF CLEARANCE; AND

(III) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY.

(C) **ONCE ONLY** IN RESPECT OF A LICENCE NUMBER ISSUED UNDER A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE.

(2) IN ORDER TO BENEFIT THE VAT EXEMPTION THE ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY SHALL –

- (A) BE HOLDER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (TAXI) LICENCE GRANTED BY THE NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY;
- (B) PRODUCE APPROVAL OF THE EXEMPTION FROM THE NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY; AND
- (C) FULFILL THE CONDITIONS OF ITEM 1 OF PART IA OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EXCISE ACT.

THIS MEASURE SHALL COME INTO OPERATION ON **15 FEBRUARY 2020**.

FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MEASURE, THE UNDERMENTIONED TAX CODE AND CPCs HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR THE PROCESSING OF BILL OF ENTRY –

- (A) NEW TAX CODE **VX** HAS BEEN CREATED IN CMS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY AND MONITOR THE QUANTUM OF VAT BEING EXEMPTED; AND
- (B) THE UNDER-MENTIONED NEW CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCs) HAVE BEEN CREATED AS PER TABLE BELOW:

S/N	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 TO A MAXIMUM OF RS 100,000
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 TO A MAXIMUM OF RS 100,000

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 TO A MAXIMUM OF RS 100,000
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 TO A MAXIMUM OF RS 100,000

(C) A GUIDELINE IN RELATION TO THE PROCESSING OF BILL OF ENTRY HAS BEEN DEvised FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MEASURE AND IS POSTED ON THE MRA WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.MRA.MU/](https://www.mra.mu/)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE ON THIS MATTER, YOU MAY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ON 202 0500 -

- (A) TEAM LEADER G.HASOWA - EXT. 7070
- (B) CUSTOMS OFFICER N.APPADOO - EXT. 7646

YOU ARE ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH MNS FOR UPDATE OF YOUR FRONT END SYSTEM.

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14TH FEBRUARY 2020