



**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE TO ECONOMIC OPERATORS**

PROCESSING OF BILL OF ENTRY UNDER THE FREEPORT REGIME AS FROM 01 OCTOBER 2018

ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT SECTION 31(a) OF THE FINANCE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2018 HAS AMENDED SECTION 7 OF THE FREEPORT ACT 2004, BY THE INTRODUCTION OF A STATUTORY TIME FRAME FOR THE WAREHOUSING OF GOODS ENTERING THE FREEPORT, WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

- (i) FOR GOODS ENTERED ON OR BEFORE **30 SEPTEMBER 2018**, THE MAXIMUM WAREHOUSING PERIOD WILL BE **42 MONTHS**; AND
- (ii) FOR GOODS ENTERED ON OR AFTER **01 OCTOBER 2018**, THE MAXIMUM WAREHOUSING PERIOD IS **24 MONTHS**.

FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE MEASURE, MRA CUSTOMS HAS DEVISED A GUIDELINE "*PROCESSING OF BILL OF ENTRY UNDER THE FREEPORT REGIME*" WITH RESPECT TO THE MAKING OF BILL OF ENTRY UNDER THE FREEPORT REGIME. ALL BILL OF ENTRY SUBMITTED **ON OR AFTER 01 OCTOBER 2018** SHOULD BE MADE ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINE.

THE GUIDELINE CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE FOLLOWING LINK: WWW.MRA.MU/INDEX.PHP/MEDIA-CENTRE/PUBLICATIONS/CUSTOMS.

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION, YOU MAY CONTACT **TEAM LEADER R.DHOOWOAH** OR **TECHNICAL OFFICER - S. RAMMAYA** OF THE FREEPORT UNIT ON TEL 202 0500 (EXT. 1010/2154)

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

28 SEPTEMBER 2018

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