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Dear Sir,

RE: SECTION 10 APPROVAL

We refer to your letter dated 11th February, 2011 on the above.

The Prime Minister in his capacity as Minister for Finance has given his approval to the updated list of concessions which is to be granted under Section 10 of the Customs Tariff Act. (Copy attached)

Your necessary action on the approval from the Minister is requested, please.

Yours faithfully,

M. Raqisia
For Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office

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Please make arrangements
with IT to place the
updated list on the
intranet

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Concessions under Section 10

Further to the Section 10 list approved for the 2011 National Budget Address on 26th November, 2010, the following is the updated list of Concessions under Section 10 of the Customs Tariff Act. These concessions will be valid until the date of the next National Budget Announcement, for goods and rates mentioned below:

1. BUS OPERATORS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
New chassis fitted with engine for body building purposes and new bus engines for replacement of old buses	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Identifiable fixtures & components	<i>5%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Ticketing machines and ticketing machine parts	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

2. LOGGING INDUSTRY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Cab & Chassis	<i>5%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

Conditions:

- (i) Vehicle to be purchased as Cab & chassis;
- (ii) Vehicle to be converted into a logging truck to the satisfaction of the Comptroller;

- (iii) Inspection of the vehicle will be carried out by Customs; and
- (iv) Incentive will be in the form of refund claim

3. SUGAR CANE INDUSTRY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Cab & Chassis	5%	Free	15%

Conditions:

- (i) Vehicle to be purchased as & chassis;
- (ii) Vehicle to be converted into a cane truck to the satisfaction of the Comptroller;
- (iii) Inspection of the vehicle will be carried out by Customs; and
- (iv) Incentive will be in the form of refund claim

4. NEW SHORT LIFE INVESTMENT PROJECT

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Capital equipment, plant and machinery (does not include kitchenware, raw materials, furniture and furnishing)	Free	Free	15%

Condition:

- (i) Provisional approval for SLIP from MOF is required.

5. REWA DAIRY COMPANY LIMITED

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Full Cream Powdered Milk in Bulk	Free	Free	Free
Liquid Milk in Bulk	Free	Free	15%
Bulk Butter	Free	Free	15%

6. INTER-ISLAND SHIPPING

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Gas-oil (diesel) having sulphur content not exceeding 500ppm (HS 2710.11.31)	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Residual Fuel Oil (HS 2710.11.39)	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Mooring ropes between 56mm to 76mm in diameter	<i>5%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

7. FISHING INDUSTRY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Gas-oil (diesel) having sulphur content not exceeding 500ppm (HS 2710.11.31)	<i>2 cents per litre</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Specialised fishing gear & equipment	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Specialised Fishing Vessel	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Fish baits	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

Condition:

- (i) Purchase fuel from duty paid stock and claim refund

8. PRAWN INDUSTRY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Prawn Larvae	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Prawn feed	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Pesticide	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Fungicide	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Lime	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Formalin	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

9. PEARL FARMING

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Rope specifically (DAN lines – 6mm, 10mm, 12mm, 16mm and 24mm)	<i>3%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Floats – 300mm	<i>3%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Mono filament – 100mm	<i>3%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Spat collector lines	<i>3%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Protective plastic mesh	<i>3%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Panel and pocket nets	<i>3%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Scientific equipments: ♣ Bag filter vessel and bag filters ♣ UV sterilizer ♣ Chemicals (for hatchery)	<i>3%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

10. APPROVED OPERATORS ENGAGED IN 100% EXPORT

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Sharks fin	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Live fish	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Live corals	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Food Supplementary	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Fish Sauce & Fish	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

11. NATIONAL TEAM

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Uniforms	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

Condition:

- (i) Consent and Purchase order from parent body such as FRU, FFA etc is required.

12. CLUB AND SCHOOL TEAM UNIFORM

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Jerseys in sets for 1 team	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

Condition:

- (i) Confirmation from the District Association that the club is affiliated with the association;
- (ii) Confirmation that the district association is affiliated with the parent body; and
- (iii) Purchase order from the clubs is required.

13. MINING INDUSTRY (New)

(a) Duty Free importation of capital plant and equipment except hand tools of a kind of general-purpose item.

(b) Duty Free entry of Motor vehicles & mobile equipment (except parts & accessories) falling under Tariff Items:

8429.11.00	8430.41.00	8705.10.00
8429.19.00	8430.49.00	8705.20.00
8429.20.00	8430.50.00	8705.90.90
8429.30.00	8430.61.00	8716.39.10
8429.40.00	8430.62.00	8716.39.90
8429.51.00	8430.69.00	8716.40.10
8429.59.00	8704.10.00	8716.40.90
8430.10.00	8704.10.00	8716.90.00
8430.39.00		

The concession is granted for a period of two (2) years effective from the date of commencement of operation.

14. SHIP BUILDING INDUSTRY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Identifiable fixtures, fittings and components	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Approved Raw Materials	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

15. PAFCO – Engaged in 100% Export

Raw Materials

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Fish	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Salt	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Edible Oil	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

16. COACHWORK BUILDERS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
New chassis fitted with engine for body building purposes	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Identifiable fixtures & components	<i>5%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

17. FLORICULTURE

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Seedling trays, oasis for flower arrangements and sarlon cloths	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

18. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND STATIONERY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Stationery Exercise Books, Manilla Folders, Computer Papers, Cash Register Rolls, Styrofoam Lunch Boxes, Arch Lever Files, Ring Binders and Plastic Files.	<i>5%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Ball Pen	<i>5%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

19. HYDROPONIC GREEN HOUSE

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Greenhouse and accessories for installation of hydroponic equipment, sun shade	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

20. TROPHIES, MEDALS, RIBBONS AND SIMILAR ITEMS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Trophies, Medals, Ribbons and similar items imported without commercial advertisement of any kind and not for retail sale	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

21. REGISTERED MINI BUS OPERATORS

Motor vehicles imported or purchased by registered Mini Bus operators to provide service to the Public as approved by the Comptroller.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Seating Capacity</i>	<i>Tariff Item</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Second hand or Used Motor Vehicle	Not less than 7 persons and not more than 16 persons including the Driver	8702 8703	32% or 60% of specific rates whichever is greater	10%	15%

Conditions

- (i) That the applicant is registered under the Company Registration Act (Documents required as Proof);
- (ii) The applicant had been issued with a Mini Bus Permit by LTA (copy permit required);
- (iii) The concession to be claimed at the time of importation or purchased ex-bonded warehouse;
- (iv) No refund of duty will be allowed for vehicles purchased ex duty paid stock;
- (v) The Minister may limit the number of vehicles for duty concessions per applicant; and
- (vi) Any disposal of the vehicle within the stipulated time period of 5 years, provisions of Section 17 of the Customs Tariff Act will apply.

22. LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS (LPG), COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) & SOLAR

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
LPG/CNG & Solar Vehicles	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

Conditions

- (i) The concession to be claimed at the time of importation or purchased ex-bonded warehouse;
- (ii) No refund of duty will be allowed for vehicles purchased ex duty paid stock.

23. APPROVED COMPANIES ENGAGED IN REPACKING OF POWDERED MILK

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Full Cream Powdered Milk in Bulk	<i>7.5%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>

24. ICT/BOP BUSINESS OPERATORS (APPROVED COMPANIES)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Computer, computer parts & accessories, specialized plant, equipment & fittings, and specialized furniture.	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

25. BIO-FUEL PROJECTS – COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF BIO-DIESEL AND ETHANOL

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Plant, machinery and equipment for initial establishment of the factory	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Chemical required for the bio-fuel production	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

26. ENERGY CONSERVATION GOODS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Energy efficient lamps with ratings less than 25 watts (excludes 25 watts)	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Fluorescent tubes and bulb less than 25 watts (excludes 25 watts)	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

27. RENEWABLE ENERGY GOODS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Wind: ♣ Wind Resource Monitoring Equipment; and ♣ Wind Turbines and related accessories.	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Hydro: ♣ Hydro Resource Monitoring Equipment; ♣ Hydro Turbines; and ♣ Alternators and related accessories	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Solar: ♣ Solar Resource Monitoring Equipment; ♣ Solar Panels; ♣ Batteries for Power Supply or Electrification Purposes; ♣ Solar Lights; ♣ Solar Prepayment Meters and other related accessories ♣ Solar Hot Water Heater and related equipment; and ♣ Solar Water Pumps and related accessories.	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Geothermal: Drilling Equipment and other related equipment relating to the harnessing	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

of electricity from geothermal sources.			
Biomass: Steam Cogeneration Plants (Gasifiers) and related technology accessories for power or electricity generation.	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

28. WATER STORAGE TANKS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Water storage tanks	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

29. RICE

<i>Description</i>	<i>HS Code</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	<i>1006.10.00</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>
Husked (brown) rice	<i>1006.20.00</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>
Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	<i>1006.30.00</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>
Broken rice	<i>1006.40.00</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>

30. POTABLE AND REFINED COOKING OIL

<i>Description</i>	<i>HS Code</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Soya bean oil and its fractions (refined)	1507.90.00	Free	Free	Free
Ground nut oil and its fractions (refined)	1508.90.00	Free	Free	Free
Olive oil and its fractions (refined)	1509.90.00	Free	Free	Free
Other oils and their fractions obtained solely from olives, including blends of these oils or their fractions (refined)	1510.00.90	Free	Free	Free
Palm oil and its fractions (refined)	1511.90.00	Free	Free	Free
Sunflower – seed or, safflower oil and their fractions (refined)	1512.1900	Free	Free	Free
Cotton seed oil and its fractions (refined)	1512.29.00	Free	Free	Free
Coconut (copra), palm kernel, or babassu oil and their fractions (refined):				
- Coconut (copra) and its fractions	1513.19.00	Free	Free	Free
- Palm Kernel or babassu oil	1513.29.00	Free	Free	Free
Rape, colza or mustard oil and factions (refined):				
- Rape or colza oil and its fractions (refined):	1514.19.00	Free	Free	Free
- Mustard oil	1514.99.00	Free	Free	Free
Other fixed vegetable fats and oils (including jojoba oil) and their fractions (refined):				
- Maize (corn) and its fractions	1515.19.00	Free	Free	Free
- Sesame oil and its fractions	1515.29.00	Free	Free	Free
- Other	1515.30.00	Free	Free	Free
	1515.50.90	Free	Free	Free
	1515.90.90	Free	Free	Free

31. BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Bee-keeping machines	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Bee suits	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Hot Water Baths for re-melting honey combs including those with pressing screws	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Bee Hives	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Centrifugal Honey Extractors	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Bee Wax	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Bees Smoker	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Hive Tool	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Uncapping Knife - standard electrical capping scratches	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Bee Brush	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Queen Bee Grafting kits	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Queen Cell Cups	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Honey gates & plastic leather hand gloves	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Honey Refracto- meter	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Frame Wires	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Sticky Boards	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Queen Excluders	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Bees Escape boards	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>
Bee Full Depth Frames	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

32. PEA PROCESSING INDUSTRY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Shelled Peas	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

33. APPROVED COMPANIES

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Jet Skis	<i>5%</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

34. PLASTIC CRATES

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Plastic Crates Crates imported for use in farms for transporting fruits and vegetables from farms to warehouse/factory.	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15%</i>

Condition:

- (i) Letter from Department of Agriculture will be required that the crates will be used by the farmers.

35. SMART PHONES

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Smart Phones (High End Mobile Phones) Phones that have email capability, Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), Calendar and Internet Browser, etc. e.g. BlackBerry, iPhone. Not applicable to phones which only have a WAP (Wireless Application Protocol) Browser.	5%	Free	15%

36. DESALINATION AND SEWERAGE PLANT AND MACHINERY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Import Excise</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Desalination and sewerage treatment plant and machinery	Free	Free	15%