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TARIFF (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2009

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TARIFF ACT TO REDUCE THE TARIFF ON CERTAIN ITEMS AND TO RESTORE THE EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES ON MATERIALS USED TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN HISTORIC BUILDINGS, MOTOR VESSELS USED FOR INTER-ISLAND SERVICE AND PARTS FOR TEMPORARY CRUISING VESSELS AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES.

[Date of Assent - 30th June, 2009]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas.

1. **Short title.**

This Act which amends the Tariff Act (Act No. 17 of 2008), may be cited as the Tariff (Amendment) Act, 2009.

2. **Amends First Schedule to the principal Act.**

The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting Tariff Trade Nos. “0804.1021” and “0804.1029”, immediately after the Tariff Trade No. “0804.402”, and substituting therefor Tariff Trade Nos. “0804.4021” and “0804.4029”;

(b) by deleting the words “35%” appearing in the column “Rate of Duty” corresponding to the Tariff Trade No. “3006.6000”, and substituting therefor the word “Free”;

(d) by deleting the words “10%” appearing in the column “Rate of Duty” corresponding to the Tariff Trade No. “4820.2000”, and substituting therefor the word “Free”;


(f) by deleting the words “50%” appearing in the column “Rate of Duty” corresponding to Tariff Trade Nos. “2201.1010”; “2201.1090”; “2201.9090”; “2202.1010”; “4418.9010”; “7308.9010”; “8421.1200”, and substituting therefor the words “45%”;
(g) by deleting the words “70%” appearing in the column “Rate of Duty” corresponding to Tariff Trade Nos. “2205.1000”; “2205.9000”; “3923.2110”; “3923.2910”, and substituting therefor the words “60%”;

(h) by deleting the words “80%” appearing in the column “Rate of Duty” corresponding to the Tariff Trade No. “2903.4200”, and substituting therefor the words “75%”; 

(i) by deleting the words “45%” appearing in the column “Rate of Duty” corresponding to Tariff Trade Nos. “9110.1100”; “9110.1200”; “9110.1900”; “9110.9000”; “9114.1000”; “9114.2000”; “9114.3000”; “9114.4000”; “9114.9000”, and substituting therefor the words “10%”;

(j) by deleting the words “40%” appearing in the column “Rate of Duty” corresponding to Tariff Trade Nos. “2103.9020”; “2103.9090”, and substituting therefor the words “30%”;

(k) by inserting, immediately after the Tariff Trade No. “9018.9030”, the following —

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<th>TARIFF HEADING</th>
<th>TARIFF TRADE NO.</th>
<th>TARIFF DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>UNIT FOR DUTY</th>
<th>RATE OF DUTY</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9018.9040</td>
<td>Blood Pressure Measuring Instrument</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>No.</td>
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</tbody>
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(l) by deleting the words “45%” appearing in the column “Rate of Duty” corresponding to the Tariff Trade No. “3922.1000”, and substituting therefor the words “35%”;

(m) by deleting the Tariff Trade No. “3925.9000” and all entries corresponding thereto and substituting therefor the following —

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<tr>
<td>3925.90</td>
<td>Other: Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations</td>
<td>A.V.</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>lb</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>3925.9010</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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</table>
(n) by deleting the Tariff Trade No. "8443.9900" and all entries corresponding thereto and substituting therefor the following:

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<th>UNIT FOR CLASSIFICATION</th>
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<tr>
<td>8443.99</td>
<td>Other Parts and Accessories:</td>
<td>A.V.</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>lb</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8443.9910</td>
<td>Parts &amp; Accessories of SubHeading 8443.3100 and 8443.3210.</td>
<td>A.V.</td>
<td></td>
<td>lb</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8443.9990</td>
<td>Other:</td>
<td>A.V.</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>lb</td>
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3. **Amends Third Schedule to the principal Act.**

The Third Schedule to the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words "70%" corresponding to Item No. 10.13, and substituting therefor the words "60%";

(b) by deleting the words "82%" corresponding to Item No. 10.16, and substituting therefor the words "85%";

(c) by deleting the words "80%" corresponding to Item No. 8.67, and substituting therefor the words "75%";

(d) by deleting the words "80%" corresponding to Item No. 10.19, and substituting therefor the words "75%";

(e) by deleting the words "80%" corresponding to Item No. 8.15, and substituting therefor the words "75%";

(f) by deleting the words "70%" corresponding to Item No. 11.17, and substituting therefor the words "60%";
(g) by deleting the words “65%” corresponding to Item No. 10.18, and substituting therefor the words “60%”;
(h) by deleting the words “65%” corresponding to Item No. 10.20, and substituting therefor the words “60%”.

4. **Amends Fourth Schedule to the principal Act.**

Part B of the Fourth Schedule to the Tariff Act is amended by inserting, immediately after item 30, the following —

"31. **Historic Buildings**

Materials used to restore and maintain historic buildings which are registered in the national register.

32. **Motor Vessels**

Motor vessels, for the use in Inter–Island service, engine and other mechanical parts for such motor vessels imported with the prior approval of the Minister.

33. **Temporary Cruising Vessels**

Parts for temporary cruising vessels imported in respect of vessels in The Bahamas under a temporary cruising permit in Form No. C-39 issued under the Customs Regulations."
EXCISE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2009

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EXCISE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2009

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXCISE ACT TO REDUCE THE EXCISE TAX ON CERTAIN ITEMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXEMPTION OF EXCISE TAX ON MATERIALS TO BE USED TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN HISTORIC BUILDINGS, MOTOR VESSELS USED FOR INTER-ISLAND SERVICE AND PARTS FOR TEMPORARY CRUISING VESSELS.

[Date of Assent - 30th June, 2009]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas.

1. **Short title.**

This Act which amends the Excise Act (Act No. 16 of 2008), may be cited as the Excise (Amendment) Act, 2009.

2. **Amends First Schedule to the principal Act.**

The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “25%” appearing in the column “Rate of Tax” corresponding to Tariff Trade Nos. “3303.0010”; “3303.0020”; “3303.0090”, and substituting therefor the words “10%”;


(c) by deleting the words “25%” appearing in the column “Rate of Tax” corresponding to Tariff Trade Nos. “4202.1110”; “4202.1210”;
4202.1910"; “4202.2100”; “4202.2200”; “4202.2300”; “4202.3100”; “4202.3200”; “4202.3900”; “4202.9110”; “4202.9210”; “4202.9910”, and substituting therefor the words “10%”;

(d) by deleting the words “10%” appearing in the column “Rate of Tax” corresponding to Tariff Trade Nos. “6110.1110”; “6110.1210”; “6110.1910”; “6911.1000”; “6911.9000”; “6913.1000”; “7013.2200”; “7013.2810”; “7013.3300”; “7013.3710”; “7013.4100”; “7013.4920”; “7013.9100”; “7013.9910”; “7018.9010”; “9006.4000”; “9006.5100”; “9006.5200”; “9006.5300”; “9006.5900”; “9006.6100”; “9006.6900”; “9006.9100”; “9006.9900”, and substituting therefor the words “7%”;


(f) by deleting the words “110%” appearing in the column “Rate of Tax” corresponding to Tariff Trade Nos. “9302.0000”; “9303.1000”; “9303.2000”; “9303.3000”; “9303.9000”; “9304.0000”; “9305.1000”; “9305.2100”; “9305.2900”; “9305.9100”; “9305.9900”; “9306.2100”; “9306.2900”; “9306.3000”; “9306.9000”, and substituting therefor the words “83%”.


The Second Schedule to the principal Act is amended, in Part B, by inserting immediately after item 14, the following items —

15. Historic Buildings
Materials used to restore and maintain historic buildings which are registered in the national register.

16. Motor Vessels
Motor vessels, for the use in Inter-Island service, engine and other mechanical parts for such motor vessels imported with the prior approval of the Minister.

17. Temporary Cruising Vessels
Parts for temporary cruising vessels imported in respect of vessels in The Bahamas under a temporary cruising permit in Form No. C-39 issued under the Customs Regulations.”.

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[Date of Assent - 30th June, 2009]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas.

1. **Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2009.

2. **Amendment of section 3 of Ch. 293.**

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion after subsection (5) of the following —

“(6) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other statutory or other provision contained in this Act or in the Hawksbill Creek Agreement, the Comptroller shall be a person designated by the Minister to carry out any and all powers contained in clause 2(4)(f) of the Agreement.”.