

BAHAMAS CUSTOMS

Frequently Imported Items Processing & Environmental Levy Fees and the VAT Fees

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How VAT is Calculated?

VAT - is applicable to Value, Actual Duty, Processing Fees, Storage, Insurance, Freight, Other charges, Local landed charges and Environmental Levy fees

<u>C17/C18 - Accompanied & UnAccompanied Baggage Declaration</u> <u>Example #1</u> – Passenger declares a TV valued at \$600 and is claiming exemption. Duty is calculated on the following: [\$600 - \$500 (*Exemption*)] = \$100

| Total Amount to be Paid = \$35 + \$5 + \$1 | 6.80 | = (\$5 | 6.8 |
|--|------|-----------|-----|
| ~ \$140 * 12% (VAT) | = § | <u> </u> | |
| ~ Total Landed Cost | - | \$140.00 | |
| ~ Environment Levy fee for Television | = | \$ 5.00 | |
| ~ \$100 (value) * 35%(duty rate) | = | \$ 35.00 | |
| ~ \$100 (Amount after Exemption) | = | \$ 100.00 | |

C18A - Courier/Parcel List Baggage Declaration

Example #2 – The courier submits a C-18 with a TV valued at \$400;

VAT will be applied as follows:

| ~ \$400 (value of TV) | = \$ 400.00 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ~ \$400 (value) * 35%(duty rate) | = \$ 140.00 |
| ~ \$400 (value) * 1%(processing fee) | = \$ 10.00 |
| ~ Environment Levy fee for Television | = \$ 5.00 |
| ~ Storage Fees (if applicable) | = \$ 0.00 |
| ~ Freight/INS/Other Charges | = <u>\$ 110.00</u> |
| ~ Total Landed Cost | \$655.00 |
| ~ \$655 * 12% (VAT) | = \$ 79.80 |

Total Amount to be Paid = \$140 + \$10 + \$5 + \$79.80 = \$234.80

C13 - Home Consumption Entry

Example #3 – Importer submits a C-13 entry for a vehicle valued at **\$10,000**.

| ~ \$10,000 (value of vehicle) | = \$1 | 0,000.00 |
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| ~ \$10,000 (value) * 65%(duty rate) | = \$ (| 6,500.00 |
| ~ \$10,000 (value) * 1%(processing fee) | = \$ | 100.00 |
| ~ Environment Levy fee for Vehicle | = \$ | 250.00 |
| ~ Storage Fee ($\$50 p/w$) (only when applicable) | = \$ | 50.00 |
| ~ Freight/INS/Other Charges (not a standard fee) | = \$ | 900.00 |
| ~ Landed charges | = \$ | 100.00 |
| ~ Security Fees (Vehicles Imported/Exported) | = \$ | 10.00 |
| (20ft Containers Imported & Exported) | | |
| ~ Total Landed Cost | \$ <u>17</u> | 7 , 910.00 |
| ~ \$17,910 * 12% (V.A.T.) | \$ 2 | 2,149.20 |
| Total Amount to be Paid = \$6,500 + \$100 | + \$250 | • |
| \$50 + \$2,149.20 = \$9,049.20 | > | |
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| Effective as of 1st January, 2015: | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|---------------|
| Duty of Gas/Diesel | - | \$1.15 | per US gallon |
| LP Gas - Propane | - | \$0.40 | per US gallon |

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2018 Frequently Imported Items

Customs Duty rates have been reduced due to the implementation of VAT and is calculated on the Actual Duty and not Duty Liable.

| Alarm System | FREE |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Almond Butter | VAT & Duty FREE |
| Aluminum Foil | 30% |
| Air Condition | 40% |
| Air Condition (Solar) | Free |
| Air Fresheners (Canned/S | (prav) 45% |
| Amplifier | 45% |
| All Animal Food | FREE |
| All Doors | FREE |
| All Detergent (Washing) | FREE |
| All Coffee | FREE |
| Android/Apple TV boxes | 10% |
| Amazon Fire Sticks | 10% |
| Amazon Echo | 10% |
| Answering Machine | 45% |
| Anti Freeze | 40% |
| Asphalt (Road Surfacing) | 45% |
| Artwork (Original) | 10% |
| Auto Parts | 60% |
| Awnings | 45% |
| Baby Bottle | FREE |
| Baby Car Seat | FREE |
| Baby Cribs and Baby Play | pen FREE |
| Baby & Toddler Clothing (| <size 6)="" free<="" td=""></size> |
| Baby Stroller | FREE |
| Baby High Chair | FREE |
| Baby Pampers | FREE |
| Baby Bottle and Bottle Nip | ples FREE |
| Baby Wipes | FREE |
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| Baking Powder | 5% |
|---|--------------|
| Barbeque Sauce | 5% |
| Batteries (Primary Cell) | 25% |
| Batteries (Deep Cycle) | 10% |
| Batteries (Auto) | 60% |
| Backhoe | 45% |
| Bags (School) | FREE |
| Bags (Urinary) | FREE |
| Bags (Plastic Shopping - Compostable & Degradable) | 5% |
| Bags (Plastic Shopping) | 60% |
| Bags (Paper) | 45% |
| Bandages | FREE |
| Bathroom Fixtures (Basins, Tubs) | 25% |
| Beadies | 220% |
| Bed Sheets (Linen) | 30% |
| Beers \$10 per imperial gal + | 10% |
| Belts (Leather/Other) | 20% |
| Belt (Transmission/Other) | 45% |
| Biscuits | 20% |
| Bicycle | FREE |
| Degradable bags | 5% |
| Black Pepper | 5% |
| Bleach | 60% |
| Blocks (Concrete) | 45% |
| Blenders | 35% |
| Blinds (Wood) | 30% |
| Blinds (Plastic) | 45% |
| Blood Glucose Test Strip | FREE FREE |
| Blood Pressure Monitor/Meter | FREE |

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| Casket (Metal) 45% Computer Modem 10% | Carpet | 45% | Computers | FREE |
| | Cash Register | 45% | Computer Accessory | 5% |
| Commercial Catalogs 40% Computer Monitor FREE | Casket (Metal) | 45% | Computer Modem | 10% |
| | Commercial Catalogs | 40% | Computer Monitor | FREE |

| Computer Printer | FREE | Electric Motorcycles | 10% |
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| Computer Multi-function Printer | 5% | · | |
| Computer Router | 10% | Energy Drinks | 55% |
| Computer Scanner | 5% | Engine (Aircraft) | 5% |
| Computer Software | 10% | Engine (Car) | 60% |
| Condensed Milk | FREE | Engine (Boat) | 5% |
| Condoms | FREE | Envelopes | 25% |
| Contact Lens | FREE | Exercise Machines | FREE |
| Copy Paper (Multi-purpose) | 5% | Eye Glasses (Prescription) | FREE |
| Corned Beef (Canned) | FREE | Fabrics | 30% |
| Cough Drops | FREE | Fabric Softener | 35% |
| | 10% | Fans | FREE |
| Crayons | FREE | Fax Machines | 5% |
| Cream | | Fertilizers | FREE |
| Curtains | 30% | Fish Bait | FREE |
| Defibrillator | FREE | Flashlights | 45% |
| Degreasers | 45% | Fountain Pens | FREE |
| Deli Meats - Beef, Ham & Turkey Sliced/Unsliced | FREE | Flatware (Knife/Fork/Spoon) | 25% |
| - Other Including Mixtures Sliced/Unsliced | FREE | Flooring (Wood Parquet) | 25% |
| Deodorant | FREE | Flowers (Artificial) | 45% |
| Dishes (Ceramic) | 45% | Flowers (Fresh - Cut) | 35% |
| Drywall | FREE | Flowers (Plants) | 25% |
| Dishes (Porcelain/China) | 5% | Flyers (advertising) | 40% |
| Dried Mixed Fruit (Packed) | 35% | Freezer (Household type) | 5% |
| Dried Mixed Fruits (Unpacked >20lb) | 5% | Fresh Fruits (excluding Pineapple 40%) | FREE |
| DVD Players | 35% | Furniture | 45% |
| DVD (with Movies/Music/Blank) | 10% | Fireworks | 45% |
| Disposable Underwear | FREE | Fire Extinguishers | 45% |
| Dolls | 20% | Flags of Nation & Other Flags | 25% |
| Drapes | 30% | Floss (Dental) | 5% |
| Drones with camera | FREE | Flour (Non-prepared) | FREE |
| Dryer | 5% | Fruit Snacks | 30% |
| Durock | FREE | Fruit Cocktail | FREE |
| E-Book Reader (Kindle/Nook/Sony Reader) | FREE | Fryer (Non Electric) | 5% |
| Earphones | 45% | Game Boy (Video Games) Games (On Disc) | 45% 10% |

| Garbage bags | 45% | Ice Cream | 20% |
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| Garden Hose | 45% | Ice cream & popsicles | 20% |
| Gatorade | 30% | Ice & water shield | 5% |
| Generators | 5% | Ice Cream Machine | 45% |
| Glitter | 45% | Incubators | FREE |
| Glassware | 45% | Ink (Computer) | 5% |
| Glassware (Crystal) | 5% | Insecticides | FREE |
| Gloves (Surgical) | 10% | Helmets | 10% |
| Gloves (Plastic) | 20% | HIV Test Strips | FREE |
| Gloves (Rubber) | 45% | Headphones | 45% |
| Glue | 45% | Insulin | FREE |
| Golf Carts | 30% | Insulated Steel Panels | 25% |
| Gowns (Graduation) | 20% | IPad | FREE |
| Grits | FREE | IPod | 35% |
| Gum (chewing) | 30% | Iron (electric) | 35% |
| Gum (including Nicotene) | 20% | Inverters for Solar panels | FREE |
| Hair Dryers | 35% | Jack (Car) | 45% |
| Hair Dye/Rinse | 25% | Jams, Jellies, Marmalade etc | FREE |
| Hair Conditioner | 25% | Jewelry (Costume) | FREE |
| Hair Preparations | 25% | Jewelry (Gold / Silver / Platinum) | FREE |
| Hair (Artificial/Human) | 45% | Jet Skis | 10% |
| Handbags | FREE | Juice 100% | FREE |
| Hand Towels (Paper) | 45% | Karaoke Machine | 35% |
| Hand Sanitizers | 45% | Ketchup | FREE |
| Hangers (Plastic) | 45% | Key Combination | 20% |
| Hangers (Wooden) | 35% | Keyboard (Musical instrument) | 10% |
| Hats | 45% | Keys | 45% |
| Hardi Plank/Board | FREE | Kidney Machines and Parts | FREE |
| Hearing Aids | FREE | Labels (printed) | 45% |
| Heater (Tankless Water) | 5% | Ladder (Aluminum) | 45% |
| Heart Monitor | FREE | Lavatory seats and covers & fittings | 25% |
| Honey (Natural) | FREE | Lawn Mower & Parts | 35% |
| Hurricane Shutters (Wood) | 5% | Life Jackets | FREE |
| Humidifiers | 45% | Lime | 5% |

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| Locks | 20% | Paper (Printing/Multipurpose) | 5% |
| Lumber | FREE | Paper (Toilet) | 25% |
| Mattress | 60% | Pasta | FREE |
| Mattress (Air) | 45% | Peanut Butter | FREE |
| Mannequins | 45% | Pens (Other) | 10% |
| Malt Beverages | 55% | Pencils | 10% |
| Make Up | 35% | Perfumes | FREE |
| Magic Jack | 10% | Pesticides | FREE |
| Microphone | 35% | Pillows | 45% |
| Microwave | 35% | Pipes (PVC) | 35% |
| Mirrors (Unframed) | 45% | Pineapples | 40% |
| Мор | 45% | Plastic Bags (Degradable) | 5% |
| Motorcycles | 75% | Plastic Wares | 45% |
| MP3 Player | 35% | Plywood | Free |
| Mouthwash | 5% | Point Of Sale System | 45% |
| Nails (Building) | FREE | Postcards (Other) | 40% |
| Neck Ties | 20% | Postcards (w/ Bahamian Scenes) | 25% |
| Newspapers | 5% | Posters | 40% |
| Nicotene Patches | FREE | Pool Table | 60% |
| Noodles | FREE | Potato Chips | FREE |
| Novelties | 45% | - Other Chips | 20% |
| Nuts (Individually Packaged) | 25% | Pots & Potting Soil | 25% |
| Nuts (Commercially Packaged — >20lbs) | 5% | Prepared Chicken, Turkey, | |
| Oil (Body) | 45% | - Ham, Beef | 20% |
| Oil (Coconut for cooking) | FREE | Printer Multifunction | 5% |
| Oil (Motor) | 45% | Pudding / Jello-Pudding | 20% |
| Oil (Virgin/Sesame/Soybean) | FREE | Radio | 35% |
| Other Wearing Apparel | 20% | Razor Blades | 25% |
| Oven (Electric) | 35% | Refrigerator (Energy Efficient) | 5% |
| Oven (Gas) | 5% | Refrigerator (Regular) | 5% |
| Pads (Bed) | 45% | Remote Controls | 45% |
| Padlocks | 20% | Rice (non-prepared) | FREE |
| Paint—Artist Paint—Other | 25% 45% | Rodenticides | FREE |
| Pantyhose | 45% 20% | | |

| Rims (mounted on tires)60%Rims (only)45%Rugs45%Rulers (School)10%Rum\$15 (per proof gal.)Ruler (Other)45%Salad Dressing5%Salmon FilletFREESandals20%Sanitary (Cups/Plates - Paper/Plastic)45%Sanitary Napkins (Female)FREE | Supplements Surveillance Security System Tableware, Kitchenware (Bio-degradable) Tea Telephone (Land/Cordless) Telephones (Cellular) Television Tennis Thread Tires (Auto-Unmounted) Tiles (Marble) | FREE 5% FREE 10% 10% 35% 20% 10% 25% |
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| Sanitary Napkins (Female) FREE | | 25% |
| | Tiles (Marble) | |
| | | 35% |
| Sardines (Canned) FREE | Tiles (Ceramic) | 25% |
| Sausage FREE | Tiles (Roofing) | 35% |
| Satellite 45% | Toaster | 35% |
| Sewing Machine 5% | Tools (Hand) | 25% |
| Seasonings 5% | Tooth Brush & Tooth Paste | FREE |
| Shampoo 25% | Towels | 30% |
| Shrimp FREE | Toys | 20% |
| Shrimp Bait Free | Transmission Fluids | 40% |
| Sheets (Linen) 30% | Tricycle | FREE |
| Sheet Rock FREE | Tuna (Canned) | FREE |
| Shoes/Slippers 20% | Turkey | 5% |
| Soaps FREE | Turkey: Deli | FREE |
| Socks 20% | T-Shirts: (with/without Collar) | 20% |
| Soup (Canned) FREE | UPS System | 45% |
| Spice Buns 20% | Umbrella | 45% |
| Stockings 20% | Vacuum Cleaner | 45% |
| Stove (Gas) 5% | New Vehicles up to 1.5 liter engine | 25% |
| Stoves (Electric) 35% | Vehicles | 65% |
| Shower Curtain (<i>Plastic</i>) 45% | Vehicles (Hybrids not exceeding 50K) | 10% |
| Shower Curtain (Fabric) 30% | Vehicles (Hybrids exceeding 50K) | 65% |
| Stereo System 35% | Vehicles/Trucks (Cargo Carrying) | 65% |
| Sugars and Syrups FREE | Vehicles/Trucks (over 20 tons) | 85% |
| Sunglasses (Prescription) FREE | Video Game Machine | 45% |
| Sunglasses (Other) FREE | Visual Teaching Aids | FREE |

| Vitamins | FREE |
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| Walkie-Talkie | 45% |
| Wallets | FREE |
| Washer (Energy Efficient) | 5% |
| Washer (Regular) | 5% |
| Watches | FREE |
| Watches (Pocket) | 25% |
| Water Heater (Gas) | 25% |
| Water Heaters (Solar) | 5% |
| Water Pump (vehicle) | 45% |
| Water Pump (Well) | 45% |
| Wigs | 45% |
| Windows | |
| - Aluminum double glazed or vacuum sea | 1 25% |
| - Vinyl double glazed or vacuum Sealed | 5% |
| - Steel Windows (All) | FREE |
| - Other (Aluminum) | 35% |
| - Wooden Windows | 25% |
| Wine | 50% |
| Yeast | 5% |
| Yogurt | FREE |
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DUTY FREE ITEMS

Aircrafts (helicopters, aeroplanes) All Animal Food All Doors All Detergent (Washing) All Sugars and Syrups All Coffee Baby Bottle Baby Car Seat Baby Cribs and Baby Playpen BABY CLOTHING (up to Toddler 6) - not knitted (or crocheted) - knitted & crocheted Baby Stroller Baby High Chair Baby Pampers Baby Bottle and Baby Nipples Baby Wipes Bags (Urinary) Bandages Blood Glucose Meter Blood Glucose Test Strip Blood Pressure Monitor Books (Exercise) Camcorder Camera (Digital) Camera (Surveillance) Cereal Computers Computer Monitor Computer Printer (not multi-functional) Computer Software Condensed Milk Condoms Contact Lens Corned Beef (Canned) Cough Drops Cream Defibrillator Deli Meats Beef/Ham Sliced/Unsliced • Turkey Sliced/Unsliced • Other Including Mixtures Sliced/Unsliced • Deodorant Disposable Underwear/Undergarments Drones with camera E-Book Reader (Kindle/Nook/Sony Reader)

DUTY FREE ITEMS

Exercise Equipments Eye Glasses Fertilizers Flours Fish (Canned) Fresh Fruits Grits Hearing Aids Incubators Insecticides Insulin IPad Inverters for Solar panels Juice 100% Ketchup Kidney Machines and Parts LED Lights Fixtures Light Bulbs (Fluorescent Energy Saving) Light Bulbs (LED) Oil (Cooking) Pads (Bed - Disposable) Plywood Processing Equipments (Cottage & Light Industry Act) Mayonnaise Meat (Cow) Meat (Mutton) Medicine Needles (Medicinal) Noodles Nut (Spreads) Pampers Potatoes (Prepared) Pesticides Raw materials (Cottage & Light Industry Act) Rice Salmon (Pacific, Atlantic, Sockeye, Other) Sanitary Napkins (Female) Sardines (Canned) Solar Panels Sausage Shrimp Bait Solar Panel System (approval from Minister) Soup (Canned) Sugar Sunglasses Supplements

Surveillance Security System Tea Test Strips (HIV, Diabetes, Pregnancy, Other Medical) Tofu Tooth Brush Toothpaste Tomatoes (Canned) Visual Teaching Aids Various Fruits Vitamins



- Q. I am importing a vehicle from Japan. What do I have to do when the vehicle arrives to get it cleared?
- A. Once you have ordered a vehicle from Japan, The documents will be sent to you Via DHL or UPS. The package will contain all of the necessary documents for the clearance of your vehicle. Upon receipt of the documents, you then proceed to the Shipping Agent, which will be stated in your instructions in the package. You will be responsible for the local landing fees which is not included in the fees paid to the company you have purchased your vehicle. Give the Local Landing Receipt along with the other documents to your broker to be submitted to Customs for the Clearance of the vehicle. Duty is applicable to the Value of the Vehicle. Levy is charged for each vehicle and a processing fee is charged on the Value of the vehicle, Freight, Excise Duty, Levy and Processing fee. If the VAT was paid on the local landing charges then it does not have to be added to the Customs Entry. A conditional report will be prepared by the Customs Department stating the condition of the vehicle at the time of arrival. This too should be attached to the Customs entry either Digitally or in hard copy.
- Q. What documents do I need to clear a shipment entering the country as freight?
- A. Each import requires all relevant invoices, Freight Bill, Freight Invoice and the relevant Customs entry form. If an entry is made digitally, the customs system will prepare all documents once the information is submitted.
- Q. When coming in as a passenger what exemption am I entitled to?
- A. Each resident is entitled to \$500 exemption twice a year. Each Visitor is entitled to \$100 each trip.
- Q. How do you become a broker?
- A. To become a Broker, one must apply to the Office of the Comptroller and must inform the Comptroller of his/her intention. The exam date, as well as any information on courses or reviews for the exams would then be sent to the requestor as it is available.
- Q. Can The Customs Officer change the value of the item that I have declared?
- A. The Bahamas Customs Department values all goods based on the WTO Valuation Agreement. Where Duty is collected on "ad valorem" (meaning the levying of tax or customs duties) in proportion to the estimated value of the goods or transaction concerned)) rates of duty shall be appraised according to the provisions set out below:

Price Actually Paid or Payable (PAPP) - The primary means of valuation is determined by the transactional value or the actual price paid where it can be determined that there is no conditional relationship between the buyer and seller. All costs included which benefit the seller are included in the transactional value. Where it is easily determined that a charge on the invoice is paid to any other freight forwarder or delivery company it may be deducted from the transactional value and included on the calculations for VAT only;

<u>Value of Identical Goods</u> - Where the PAPP cannot be determined, or it is found to be that the sale was conditional or based on a relationship, the customs may find the value of identical goods and use that value for the clearing of that shipment;



<u>Value of Similar Goods</u> - Where the Value of Identical Goods is not found, the Customs may determine a value based on the value of similar goods, taking into account difference in size, brands or any other differences;

Deductive Value - Where the value of similar goods cannot be determined, a deductive value may be determined by Customs. This is done by determining the transactional value of individual units which make up the item which is being imported;

<u>Computed Value</u> - Where the Deductive value may not be determinable, Customs may compute the value based on the value of the materials that was required to make the item being imported; and

<u>Residual basis of valuation</u> - Where the computed value is not determinable, Customs may compute the value based on Residual Value, which is any value which may be determined by combining any of the previous valuation methods to derive the true transactional value.

The Bahamas Customs does not value goods based on:

- the selling price within the Bahamas
- The higher of two alternative values
- The price on the domestic market
- Cost of production, other than computed values which are determined above.
- The price of goods for export to a country other than this Customs Territory.
- Minimum Customs values; or
- Arbitrary or fictitious values.

Q. If I have lost or misplaced my invoice, how can I clear my goods?

- A. All shipments being entered into The Bahamas require a proper invoice from the supplier. In the absence of the proper invoice, the importer may contact the supplier and have a copy of the invoice sent either by electronic format or in hard copy.
- Q. What format of documents does Customs accept for electronic submission of documents.
- A. Customs accepts <u>xls</u>, <u>pdf</u>, <u>doc</u>, <u>or csv</u> formats for declarations, however in the submission of support documents, it is a requirement that the documents are submitted in a electronic signature format, such as <u>pdf</u>, <u>tif</u>, <u>jpg</u>. The format for all invoices and supporting documents should be in a format where it cannot be altered when sent to them by the suppliers.

These questions are based on frequent enquires made to the Training Unit daily. Please feel free to call the customs office for any further clarification or any further questions to be answered accurately.

Processing Fees

*A processing fee of one percent (1%) *ad valorem*, subject to a minimum fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) and a maximum fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), is collected on cargo imported and exported as per forms below:

| Form | Form Description | Fee |
|------|--|------|
| *C13 | Home Consumption Entry | 1% |
| *C14 | Entry for Goods Imported Conditionally Duty free under the Hawksbill Creek Agreement | \$10 |
| *C16 | Warehousing Entry | 1% |
| *C29 | Export Entry for Domestic Goods | 1% |
| *C30 | Re-Export Entry for Imported Goods not under Drawback | 1% |
| *C35 | Transshipment Entry | 1% |
| *C41 | Application to Import Goods for a Temporary Use or Purpose | 1% |
| *C46 | Export Entry for Drawback Goods including Stores | 1% |
| *C47 | Drawback Claim | 1% |
| C2 | Reports Inwards of Vessels | \$75 |
| C7 | Aircraft General Declaration Inwards and Outwards | \$75 |
| C7A | Inward Declaration and Cruising Permit for Private Aircraft entering The Bahamas | \$50 |
| C19 | Application for Release of Perishable or Other Goods Prior to Payment of Duty | \$25 |
| C24 | Ex-Warehouse Home Consumption Entry | \$25 |
| C25 | Ex-Warehouse Export Entry for Goods for Exportation or for Goods for Use as Stores | \$25 |
| C26 | Ex-Warehouse Removal Entry | \$25 |
| C27 | Re-Warehousing Entry | \$25 |
| C28 | Entry Outwards of Vessel | \$75 |
| C48 | Miscellaneous Refund Claim | \$75 |
| C54 | Application for Payment of Proceeds of Sale of Goods | \$75 |

| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 4011.5000 | Bicycle tyres | 1.00 | No. |
| 4011.4000 | Motorbike tyres | 5.00 | No. |
| 4011.3000 | Aircraft tyres | 25.00 | No. |
| 4011.1000 | New car tyres | 5.00 | No. |
| 4011.2000 | New Bus/Lorries tyres (including trucks) Other having a "herring bone" or similar tread: | 5.00 | No. |
| 4011.7000 | New Agriculture/Forestry tyres | 10.00 | No. |
| 4011.8000 | Of a kind used on construction or industrial handling vehicles and machines and having a rim size not exceeding 61cm (24.02 inches) | 15.00 | No. |
| 4011.9000 | Other tyres | 2.00 | No. |
| 4012.1100 | Retreaded car tyres | 3.00 | No. |
| 4012.1200 | Retreaded Bus/Lorries tyres (including trucks) | 5.00 | No. |
| 4012.1300 | Retreaded Aircraft tyres | 25.00 | No. |
| 4012.1900 | Retreaded Other tyres | 5.00 | No. |
| 4012.2010 | Used Pneumatic tyres for motor cars | 3.00 | No. |
| 4012.2020 | Used Bus, Lorries tyres (Including trucks) | 5.00 | No. |
| 4012.2090 | Other Used Pneumatic tyres | 25.00 | No. |
| 4012.9010 | Used Cars tyres | 3.00 | No. |
| 4012.9020 | Used Bus, Lorries tyres (Including trucks) | 5.00 | No. |
| 4012.9090 | Other used tyres | 5.00 | No. |
| 8418.1000 | Combined Refrigerator Freezers fitted with separate external doors | 15.00 | No. |
| 8418.2900 | Other refrigerators | 15.00 | No. |

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| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 8418.2100 | Compression-type refrigerator with efficient rating greater than 15.0 | 15.00 | No. |
| 8418.2900 | Other refrigerators with efficient rating greater than 15.0 | 15.00 | No. |
| 8418.3000 | Chest Freezers not exceeding 800 1 (28.25 cubic ft) capacity | 15.00 | No. |
| 8418.4000 | Other upright Freezers | 15.00 | No. |
| 8418.5000 | Other furniture (chests, cabinets, display counter, show-cases) for storage and display, incorporating refrigerating or freezing equipment | 15.00 | No. |
| 7321.1100 | Stoves - gas or fuel | 5.00 | No. |
| 7321.1290 | Other liquid fuel stoves | 5.00 | No. |
| 7321.1910 | Appliances for solid fuel | 5.00 | No. |
| 7321.8100 | Other appliances - gas or fuel | 5.00 | No. |
| 7321.8200 | Appliances for liquid fuel | 5.00 | No. |
| 7321.8900 | Appliances for solid fuel | 5.00 | No. |
| 8516.6000 | Electric ovens, cookers, cooking plates, boiling rings, grillers and roasters | 5.00 | No. |
| 8516.5000 | Microwave oven | 5.00 | No. |
| 8450.1100 | Fully automatic washer with an efficient rating great- er than 15.0 | 15.00 | No. |
| 8450.1200 | Other machines w/built-in centrifugal center | 15.00 | No. |
| 8450.1900 | Other washers | 15.00 | No. |
| 8450.2000 | Machines, each of a dry linen capacity exceeding | 15.00 | No. |
| 8451.1000 | Dry cleaning machines | 15.00 | No. |
| 8451.2100 | Machines, each of a dry linen capacity exceeding | 15.00 | No. |
| 8451.2900 | Other dryer | 15.00 | No. |

SECOND SCHEDULE (REGULATION 149) (cont'd) Environment Levy

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| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment | |
| 8451.3000 | Ironing machines and pressers (including fusing pressers) | 15.00 | No. | |
| 8451.4000 | Washing, bleaching or drying machines | 15.00 | No. | |
| 8451.5000 | Machines for reeling, unreeling, folding, cutting or pinking textile fabrics | 15.00 | No. | |
| 8451.8000 | Other machinery | 15.00 | No. | |
| 8422.1110 | Household type dishwashing machines with an efficient rating greater than 15.0 | 15.00 | No. | |
| 8422.1900 | Other dish washer | 15.00 | No. | |
| 8415.1010 | Solar units | 10.00 | No. | |
| 8415.1090 | Other air condition | 10.00 | No. | |
| 8415.8110 | Solar air condition incorporating a refrigerating unit and a valve for reversal of cooling/heat cycle (reversible heat pumps) | 10.00 | No. | |
| 8415.8190 | Other air condition incorporating a refrigerating unit and a valve for reversal of cooling/heat cycle | 10.00 | No. | |
| 8415.8210 | Solar air condition incorporating a refrigerating unit | 10.00 | No. | |
| 8504.3300 | Transformers having a power handling capacity exceeding 16 k VA but not exceeding 500 k VA | 2.00 | No. | |
| 8504.3400 | Transformers having a power handling capacity exceeding 500 k VA | 2.00 | No. | |



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| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 8507.1000 | Lead-acid of a kind used for starting piston engines | 5.00 | No. |
| 8502.1100 | Generator of an output not exceeding 75 k VA | 20.00 | No. |
| 8502.1200 | Generator of an output exceeding 75 k VA but not exceeding 375 k VA | 20.00 | No. |
| 8502.1300 | Generator of an output exceeding 375 k VA | 20.00 | No. |
| 8502.2000 | Generating sets with spark-ignition internal com- bustion piston engines | 20.00 | No. |



Implementation Date to be announced

| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 8701.1000 | Single axle tractors | 300.00 | No. |
| 8701.2000 | Road tractors for semi-trailer | 300.00 | No. |
| 8701.3000 | Track-laying tractors | 300.00 | No. |
| 8702.9010 | Other motor vehicle not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. |
| 8705.1000 | Crane-lorries | 300.00 | No. |
| 8705.2000 | Mobile drilling derricks | 300.00 | No. |
| 8705.3000 | Fire fighting vehicles | 300.00 | No. |
| 8705.4000 | Concrete-mixer lorries | 300.00 | No. |
| 8705.9000 | Other - Vehicles | 300.00 | No. |
| 8709.1100 | Work trucks, self-propelled (Electric) | 300.00 | No. |
| 8709.1900 | Other work trucks | 250.00 | No. |
| 8710.0000 | Tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles, motorized, whether or not fitted with weapons, and parts of such vehicles. | 300.00 | No. |
| 8711.1000 | Motor cycles: with reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <u>not exceeding</u> <u>50 cc</u> | 50.00 | No. |
| 8711.2000 | With reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <u>exceeding 50 cc</u> but not ex- ceeding 250 cc | 50.00 | No. |
| 8711.3000 | With reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <u>exceeding 250 cc</u> but not exceeding 500 cc | 50.00 | No. |
| 8711.4000 | With reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <u>exceeding 500 cc</u> but not exceeding 800 cc | 50.00 | No. |
| 8711.5000 | With reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 500 cc but <u>exceed-ing 800 cc</u> | 50.00 | No. |
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| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8609.0010 | Shipping containers | 500.00 per TEU | No. |
| 8702.1010 | With compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. |
| 8702.1020 | With compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), exceeding 10 years. | 250.00 | No. |
| 8702.1030 | — Used with compression-ignition internal combus- tion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), exceeding 10 years. | 20% of Landed Cost | No. |
| 8703.2110 | New Motor Vehicles | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2120 | — Used motor Vehicles, not exceeding 10 years. | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2130 | — Used motor Vehicles, exceeding 10 years. | 20% of Landed Cost | No. |
| 8703.2140 | — Antique Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2150 | — Vintage Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2210 | — New Motor vehicles | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2220 | — Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No |
| 8703.2230 | — Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. |
| 8703.2240 | — Antique Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2250 | — Vintage Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2310 | — New Motor Vehicles | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2320 | — Used Motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2330 | — Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. |
| 8703.2340 | — Antique Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years) | 250.00 | No |
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| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8703.2350 | — Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years & older) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2410 | — New motor vehicles | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2420 | - Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2430 | Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. |
| 8703.2440 | — Antique Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.2450 | — Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years & older) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.3210 | — New motor vehicles | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.3220 | — Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.3230 | — Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. |
| 8703.3240 | — Antique Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.3250 | — Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years & older) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.3310 | — New motor vehicles | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.3320 | Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.3330 | — Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. |
| 8703.3340 | — Antique Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8703.3350 | — Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years & older) | 250.00 | No. |
| 8704.1010 | - New dumpers designed for off highway use | 250.00 | No. |
| 8704.1020 | — Used dumpers designed for off highway use not | 250.00 | No. |
| 8704.1030 | Used dumpers designed for off highway use exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. |
| 8704.2110 | - New vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes | 250.00 | No. |
| 8704.2120 | Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. |

| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 8704.2130 | Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. | |
| 8704.2210 | New vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.2220 | — Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes and not exceeding 10 yrs. | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.2230 | — Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes and not exceeding 10 yrs. | 20% of Landed Cost | No. | |
| 8704.2310 | —New vehicles of g.v.w exceeding 20 tonnes | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.2320 | —Used vehicles of g.v.w exceeding 20 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.2330 | —Used vehicles of g.v.w exceeding 20 tonnes and exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. | |
| 8704.3110 | New Vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes. | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.3120 | Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.3130 | Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and exceeding 10 years | 20% of Landed Cost | No. | |
| 8704.3210 | — New vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.3220 | —Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years. | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.3230 | — Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes and exceeding 10 years. | 20% of Landed Cost | No. | |
| 8704.9010 | — New hybrid and electric vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.9020 | — New hybrid and electric vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 | 250.00 | No. | |
| 8704.9030 | — Used hybrid and electric vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 | 20% of Landed Cost | No. | |



Duty free Concession for School Supplies:

School supplies pertain to the use of classification code 9813.0020

Duty Free Concession Clothing & Shoes

Clothing and shoes pertain to the use of classification codes **9863.0010**, **0020**, **0030**, **0040**, **0050**.

| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment |
|--|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 8419.1990 | Other Water Heaters | 20.00 | No. |
| 8419.8900 | Other, cookers, etc | 20.00 | No. |
| 8427.1000 | Fork-lift trucks: self-propelled trucks powdered by an electric motor | 200.00 | No. |
| 8427.2000 | Other self-propelled trucks | 200.00 | No. |
| 8427.9000 | Other trucks | 250.00 | No. |
| 8429.1100 | Bulldozers and angle dozers: Track laying | 300.00 | No. |
| 8429.1900 | Other Bull dozers | 300.00 | No. |
| 8429.2000 | Graders and levelers | 300.00 | No. |
| 8429.3000 | Scrapers | 300.00 | No. |
| 8429.4000 | Tamping machines and road rollers | 300.00 | No. |
| 8429.5100 | Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; front-end shovel loaders | 300.00 | No. |
| 8429.5200 | Machinery with a 360° revolving superstructure | 300.00 | No. |
| 8429.5900 | Other Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders | 300.00 | No. |
| 8470.5020 | Point of Sale systems | 5.00 | No. |
| 8476.2100 | Automatic beverage-vending machines; incorporating heating or refrigerating devices | 25.00 | No. |
| 8476.2900 | Other Automatic beverage-vending machines | 25.00 | No. |
| 8476.8100 | Other machines; incorporating heating or refrigerat- ing devices | 25.00 | No. |
| 8476.8900 | Other Automatic beverage-vending machines | 25.00 | No. |
| 8507.2000 | Other lead-acid accumulators | 5.00 | No. |
| 8507.3000 | Nickel-cadmium | 5.00 | No. |
| 8507.4000 | Nickel-iron | 5.00 | No. |
| 8507.6000 | Lithium-ion | 5.00 | No. |
| 8507.8000 | Other accumulators | 5.00 | No. |

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| TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading | ARTICLE DESCRIPTION | LEVY RATE \$ | Unit of Measure- ment |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 8711.9010 | Electric motorcycles | 50.00 | No. |
| 8711.9090 | Other motorcycles | 50.00 | No. |

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Returning Resident:



The following conditions pertain to the use of the classification code(s) in **Subheading 981A.0010:**

- a. In the case of a returning resident who, having been absent from The Bahamas for two consecutive years or more is returning to The Bahamas for permanent residence and
 - i. Is retired; or
 - ii. Had been in full-time employment at some time during the period of absence; or
 - iii. Had been enrolled full-time in a course of study in a post-secondary school at some time during the period of absence,

the general exemption applies to -

- (a) all household effects, books, apparel, footwear, articles of personal adornment, toilet articles and other articles and effects not intended for sale nor for the purpose of any business, being articles and effects brought into The Bahamas by the resident up to a limit in <u>value of \$10,000.00</u>; and
- (b) one vehicle up to a limit in <u>value of \$30,000.00</u>.
- b. A returning resident is not entitled to the general exemption more than once in every 5 years.
- c. "Returning resident" means a person returning from a journey outside The Bahamas, who prior to his departure from The Bahamas on that journey was a citizen or permanent resident of The Bahamas.

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Religious Organizations:

The following conditions pertain to use of the classification code(s) in **Heading 98.15**:

(a) The following goods are eligible for the general exemption when imported with the prior approval of the Minister by a religious organization for its exclusive use, and upon presentation of a certificate from the Minister:

- . (1) Örgans;
- (3) Drums;
- (5) Trumpets;
- (7) Guitars;
- (9) Torches
- (11) Carpet;
- (13) Altar Candles;
- (15) Air Condition;
- (16) Ciboria (Wafers)
- (19) Holy Water Vessels;
- (21) Other Musical Instruments;
- (23) Communion Wafer;
- (25) Wine & Water Clarets;
- (27) Crucifixes (Crosses)

- (2) Pianos
- (4) Tambourines;
- (6) Bells;
- (8) Saxophones
- (10) Statues;
- (12) Altar chairs;
- (14) Chalices;
- (16) Tabernacles;
- (18) Bread Containers;
- (20) Communion Glasses;
- (22) Stained Glass Window;
- (24) Communion Linens;
- (26) Congregational chairs and pew
- (28) Audio and Audio-visual equipment

Church Buses

The following conditions apply to the use of the classification code in **Subheading 98.84:**

Buses not more than eight years old for the exclusive use of a religious organization <u>once every five years</u> with prior approval 0f the Minister.

All non-profit and charitable organizations must be -

(a) Incorporated; and (b) Designated as a non-profit organization by the Registrar General or the Attorney-General.

Dilapidated Buildings:

The following conditions apply to the use of the classification code in **Subheading 98.59** –

- (a) Use of this exemption requires prior of the Minister.
- (b) For the renovation, repair or upgrade any dilapidated building not less than 5,000 square feet to be used for commercial, social, or educational purposes only.
- (c) Use of this exemption is available only for the period commencing 1st July, 2016 and ending 30th June, 2020.





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Taxis or Livery Vehicles



The following conditions apply to the use of the classification code(s) in **Subheading 9885.00**:

Any motor vehicle not more than three years old imported for use by the holder of a taxi-cab, livery car license or omnibus franchise.

Where any motor vehicle not more than three years old is purchased in The Bahamas for the use as a taxi-cab, livery car or omnibus the excise tax paid on the said motor vehicle shall be refunded by the Comptroller of customs.

Where any motor vehicle is imported into or purchased in The Bahamas for the use as a taxi-cab, livery car or omnibus as specified in sub-items (a) and (b) and the said motor vehicle is used for any purpose other than that of a taxi-cab, livery car or omnibus, the excise taxes which would have been payable shall forthwith thereafter become payable and the excise taxes which were refunded shall be payable.

The owner of a motor vehicle not more than three years old imported or purchased under **subheading 9885.00** shall only be entitled to such duty free concession <u>once every five years</u>.





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