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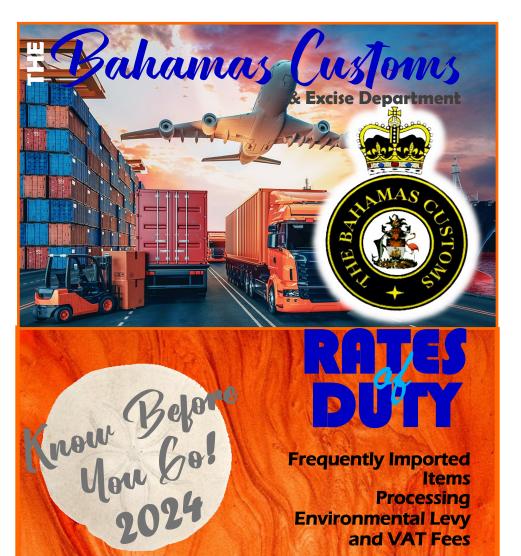
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**JULY 2024** 

**Processing** 

and VAT Fees

**Environmental Levy** 

# **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

C17/C18 - Accompanied & UnAccompanied Baggage Declaration

Example #1 - Passenger declares a TV valued at \$600 and is claiming exemption.

Duty is calculated on the following:  $[\$600 - \$500 \ (Exemption)] = \$100$ 

 $\sim $100$  (Amount after Exemption) = \$100.00

 $\sim $100 \text{ (value)} * 35\% (duty rate)$  = \$ 35.00

~ Environment Levy fee for Television = \$ 5.00

~ Total Landed Cost \$140.00

 $\sim $140 * 10\% \text{ (VAT)}$  = \$ 14.00

Total Amount to be Paid = \$35 + \$5 + \$14.00 =



### 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:

$\sim $400 \ (value \ of \ TV)$ = \$ 400	0.00
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 $\sim $400 \ (value) * 35\% \ (duty \ rate) = $ 140.00$ 

 $\sim $400 \ (value) * 1% \ (processing fee) = $10.00$ 

~ Environment Levy fee for Television = \$ 5.00

~ Storage Fees (if applicable) = \$ 0.00

~ Freight/INS/Other Charges = \$ 110.00

~ Total Landed Cost \$655.00

 $\sim $655 * 10\% \text{ (VAT)} = $65.50$ 

Total Amount to be Paid = \$140 + \$10 + \$5 + \$65.50=



# **LIST OF CONCESSION IN CHAPTER 98**

# **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 once every five years.

# **Duty free Concession for School Supplies:**



School supplies pertaining to the use of classification code **9813.0020.** Prior approval is required by the Minister of Finance.

### **Duty Free Concession Clothing & Shoes**



Clothing and shoes pertaining to the use of classification codes **9863.0010**, **0020**, **0030**, **0040**, **0050**. Prior approval is required by the Minister of Finance.





# **LIST OF CONCESSION IN CHAPTER 98**

# **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) Organs;
  - (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

# C13 - Home Consumption Entry

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

**How VAT is Calculated Cont'd?** 

~ \$10,000 (value of vehicle)	= \$1	0,000.00
~ \$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

Total Amount to be Paid = \$6,50<u>0 + \$100</u> + \$250 + **\$50 + \$1,791.00 =** \$8,901.00

Over 10 Years — 20% Environmental Levy

# **Church Buses**



Buses not more than eight years old for the exclusive use of a religious organization once every five years 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
- (c) Use of this exemption is available only for the period commencing 1st July, 2016 and ending 30th June, 2020.

### Effective as of 1st January, 2015:

~ \$17,910 \* 10% (V.A.T.)

Duty of Gas/Diesel \$1.15 per US gallon LP Gas - Propane \$0.40 per US gallon

# VAT HOTLINE:

Frequently Asked



242-225-7280 -

**Questions** 

\$ 1,791.00

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# 2024 Frequently Imported Items

Customs Duty rates have been reduced due to the implementation of VAT and is calculated on the Actual Value for price paid or payable and not Duty Liable.

Alarm System	FREE	Batteries (Lithium Ion)	FREE
Almond Butter	FREE	Batteries (Deep Cycle)	10%
Aluminum Foil	30%	Batteries (Auto)	60%
Air Condition Wall/Window	5%	Backhoe	45%
Air Condition (Solar)	Free	Bags (School)	FREE
Air Fresheners (Canned/Spray)	45%	Bags (Urinary)	FREE
Amplifier	45%	Bags (Paper)	10%
Animal Food	FREE	Bandages	FREE
Android/Apple TV boxes	FREE	Bathroom Fixtures (Basins, Tubs)	
Amazon Fire Sticks	FREE	Ceramic	Free
Amazon Echo	FREE	Steel & Plastic	5%
Anti Freeze	40%	Bed Sheets (Linen)	15%
Asphalt (Road Surfacing)	45%	Beers \$10 per imperial gal +	10%
Artwork (Original)	10%	Belts (Leather/Other)	20%
Auto Parts	60%	Belt (Transmission/Other)	45%
Awnings	45%	Bill Hooks	20%
Axes	10%	Biscuits	20%
Baby Bottle	FREE	Bicycle	FREE
Baby Car Seat	FREE	Black Pepper	5%
Baby Cribs and Baby Playpen	FREE	Bleach )Liquid)	60%
Baby & Toddler Clothing ( <size 6)<="" td=""><td>FREE</td><td>Blocks (Concrete)</td><td>45%</td></size>	FREE	Blocks (Concrete)	45%
Baby Stroller	FREE	Blenders	35%
Baby High Chair	FREE	Blinds (Wood)	30%
Baby Pampers	FREE	Blinds (Plastic)	45%
Baby Bottle and Bottle Nipples	FREE	Blood Glucose Test Strip	FREE
Baby Wipes	FREE	Blood Pressure Monitor/ Meter	FREE
Baking Powder	5%	Boats (Pleasure)	FREE FREE
Barbeque Sauce	5%	Books (Exercise)	45%
Batteries (Primary Cell)	10%	Books (Receipt)	45% FREE
		Books (Coloring)	FREE

We've Changed how We do business!



# click2clear YOUR NEW CUSTOMS ONLINE PORTAL

Click2Clear (formerly the Bahamas Electronic Single Window) is a new initiative implemented by The Bahamas Government to facilitate one access point for traders and businesses within The Bahamas that 
The program is divided into three components: is connected to various government agencies. This new initiative will replace the current EDI system being used to submit and clear declarations. The system will allow certain processes within the Customs Department that normally took two to three hours to complete, to be completed within a few minutes, thus making trade in the Bahamas much

To access the new system one must first register

https://www.besw.gov.bs/TFBSEW/registration/regis trationPage.isp.

Click2Clear is a system for the Import and Export of Cargo Only. This does not include baggage claim after returning from vacation or travel abroad. For instance, ordering online either by air or sea for companies like MailBoat, FedEx, ZipX, DHL etc...

The following information is required for registration for companies -

- Certificate of Registration (TIN)
- Compliance certificate
- Current Business License
- Broker License
- Identification

### List of clientele

- 1. Click2Clear is now live, encompassing the entire Bahamas.
- 2. Click2Clear (C2C) is equipped with a robust risk module, which allows C2C to instantaneously check a declaration submitted into it. In an effort to modernize the Department, Our focus will change to post entry checking rather than pre entry checking which is centered around trade facilitation.
- 3. The Government of the Bahamas with the assistance of the Inter-American Bank (IADB or IDB) is implementing a trade sector support program. The overall objective of the program is to improve the operational efficiency of the Customs

and Excise Department (CED) and to prepare the Government of the Bahamas for accession to the World Trade Organization.

- 1. Strengthening the Customs Management through modernizing the Organizational structure and our human resources capabilities.
- 2. Modernizing Customs Operations hence the establishment of the Click2Clear interface.
- 3. Enhancement of International Trade Institutional Platform which is being Component 2 the single largest component of the program, contains 4 areas of activity
- Business Process re-engineering
- Customs Automated Management System
- Strengthening border control and security
- Trade Facilitation

There are stakeholders connected to the C2C; Stakeholders are the persons who have interest or concerns in the business of the Customs Department. This would include all concerned citizens and all businesses within The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. More specifically, our Stakeholders include:

- Shipping Companies
- All Shipping agents
- Couriers
- Intermediary companies
- Airlines
- Airline Agents
- Brokers
- Importers
- Governmental Agencies
- Retail Business owners
- Wholesale Companies
- Exporters
- Agents
- Residents

Working hard to serve you better!



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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure ment
8711.9000	Other motorcycles	50	No.
8711.2091	With reciprocating internal combustion Less than 10 yrs; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <b>exceeding 50cc</b> but not exceeding 250cc	50	No.
8716.1000	Trailers and semi-trailers of the caravan type, for housing or camping	500	No.
8716.2000	Self-loading or self-unloading trailers and semi-trailers for agriculture purposes	500	No.
8716.3100	Tanker trailers and semi-trailers	500	No.
8716.3900	Other	25	No.
8716.4000	Other trailers and semi-trailers	25	No.
8716.8000	Other vehicles	25	No.
8904.0010	Tugs and pusher craft of 150 gross ton or more	500	No.
8904.0090	Other	500	No.
7321.1110	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
7321.1190	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.1211	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width (kerosene)	5	No.
7321.1219	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.1291	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
7321.1299	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.1911	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
7321.1919	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.1991	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
7321.1999	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.8100	Other appliances - gas or fuel	5	No.
7321.8200	Appliances for liquid fuel	5	No.
7321.8900	Appliances for solid fuel	5	No.
8418.1010	Refrigerators of 30 cubic feet or less	15	No.
8418.1090	Refrigerators (Other)	15	No.

Books (Reading)	FREE	Cheese	5%
Brake Pads	60%	Chicken (Parts)	10%
Bras	20%	Chicken (Whole)	30%
Brake Fluid	40%	Christmas Lights	35%
Bread	FREE	Christmas Ornaments	45%
Business Cards (Blanks)	40%	Christmas Lights (LED)	FREE
Business Cards (Printed)	60%	Christmas Tree (Artificial)	45%
Butter FREE		Christmas Tree (Fresh)	35%
Brochures (Educational)	30%	Cigars \$3.00	per stick
Brochures (Advertising)	40%	Cigarettes \$0.25	per stick
Broom	45%	Cigarillos, etc (Other)	300%
Cabinets (Wooden)	25% 45%	Cigarettes (Electronic) - With Nicotine	300%
Cabinets (Office) Cable (USB Cord)	45% FREE	Cigarettes (Electronic) - Without Nicotine	100%
Cakes, Pastries, Biscuits	20%	Clock (Time - Payroll & Wall)	45%
Calculator (Electric) Calculator (Handheld)	10% 5%	Clothing (Used)	20%
Calendars	60%	Coffee	FREE
Camera/Camera Video	FREE FREE	Coloring (Food)	45%
Camera (Digital) Camera (Surveillance)	FREE	Compressor (Air)	45%
Can Opener (Portable)	25%	Costumes of Textile	20%
Can Opener (Electric) Candies (Soft)	25% 30%	Costumes other than Textile	45%
Candies (Hard)	60%	Curling Iron	35%
Candles	45% 45%	Chocolates	30%
Caps (Graduation/Nurse) Car Alarm	60%	Clothing (Outer Wear)	20%
Cards (ATM)	45%	Clothing (Underwear)	20%
Carpet Cash Register	45% 45%	Coffee Makers	35%
Cash Register (POS SYSTEM)	FREE	Cologne	FREE
Casket (Metal)	45% 40%	Comforters (Bed)	45%
Commercial Catalogs Catheters	40% FREE	Computers	FREE
CD (Blank)	10%	Computer Accessory	FREE
CD Players	35%	Computer Modem	FREE
CD with Music/Movies	10%	Computer Monitor	FREE
Cereal	FREE	Computer Printer	FREE
Cement (Portland)	FREE	Computer Multi-function Printer Computer Router	FREE FREE
•	45%	Computer Router  Computer Scanner	5%
Chafing Pans (Stainless Steel)	40%	Computer Software	FREE

Condensed Milk	FREE	Electric Motorcycles	10%
Condoms	FREE	Energy Drinks	55%
Contact Lens	FREE	Engine (Aircraft)	5%
Copy Paper (Multi-purpose)	5%	Engine (Car)	60%
Corned Beef (Canned)	FREE	Engine (Boat)	5%
Cough Drops	FREE	Envelopes	25%
Crayons	FREE	Exercise Machines	FREE
Cream	FREE	Eye Glasses (Prescription)	FREE
Creditcard Machine	FREE	Eggs	5%
Curtains	30%	Fabrics	30%
Daily Planners	60%	Fabric Softener	25%
Defibrillator	FREE	Face Shield	FREE
Degreasers	45%	Fans	FREE
Deli Meats		Fax Machines	5%
•Beef, FREE		Felt	FREE
<ul><li>●-Ham FREE</li><li>●Turkey Sliced/Unsliced FREE</li></ul>		Fertilizers	FREE
Other Including Mixtures Sliced/Unsliced		Fire stick	10%
Deodorant	FREE	Fish Bait	FREE
Detergent (Washing)	FREE	Fish Hooks	20%
Diaries	45%	Fish Reels	20%
Dishes (Ceramic)	45%	Fish Rods	20%
Dishes (Porcelain/China)	5%	Flashing	20%
Doors (Interior or exterior)	FREE	Flashlights	25%
Dried Mixed Fruit (Packed)	35%	Fountain Pens	FREE
Dried Mixed Fruits (Unpacked >20lb)	5%	Flatware (Knife/Fork/Spoon)	25%
Disposable Underwear	FREE	Flooring (Wood Parquet)	25%
Dolls Drapes	20% 30%	Flour FREE	
Drones with camera	FREE	Flowers (Artificial)	45%
Dryer (Clothes)	45%	Flowers (Fresh - Cut)	35%
Dryer (Less than 22lbs capacity)	5%	Flowers (Plants) Flyers (advertising)	25% 40%
Drywall	FREE	Freezer (Household type)	5%
Durock	FREE	Fresh Fruits (excluding Pineapple 40%)	FREE
E-Book Reader (Kindle/Nook/Sony Reader)		Furniture (Household)	25%
Earphones	FREE	Furniture (Other) Fireworks	45% 45%
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# **Environmental Levies**

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
8711.2010	Motor cycles Less than 10 yrs: with reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc	50	No.
8711.2020	Motor cycles More than 10 yrs: with reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8711.2020	Motor cycles More than 10 yrs: with reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8711.2099	With reciprocating internal combustion More than 10 years; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <b>exceeding 50 cc</b> but not exceeding 250cc	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8711.3010	With reciprocating internal combustion Less than 10 years; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <b>exceeding 250 cc</b> but not exceeding 500cc	50	No.
8711.3020	With reciprocating internal combustion More than 10 years; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <b>exceeding 250 cc</b> but not exceeding 500cc	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8711.4010	With reciprocating internal combustion Less than 10 years; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <b>exceeding 500 cc</b> but not exceeding 800cc	50	No.
8711.4020	With reciprocating internal combustion More than 10 years; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <b>exceeding 500 cc</b> but not exceeding 800cc	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8711.5010	With reciprocating internal combustion less than 10 years; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <b>exceeding 800cc</b>	50	No.
8711.5020	With reciprocating internal combustion more than 10 years; piston engine of a cylinder capacity <b>exceeding 800cc</b>	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8711.6010	Electric motorcycles not exceeding 10 years	50	No.
8711.6020	Electric motorcycles exceeding 10 years	20% of landed cost	No.
8711.9000	Other motorcycles	50	No.

# **Environmental Levies**

TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
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	No.
8704.3220	—Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years.	250	No.
8704.3230	— Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes and exceeding 10 years.	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8704.9001	— New hybrid of a value exceeding \$70,000	250	No.
8704.9002	Used hybrid vehicles of a value exceeding \$70,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8704.9003	— New hybrid vehicles of a value not exceeding \$70,000	250	No.
8704.9004	— Used hybrid and vehicles of value not exceeding \$70,000 exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8704.9005	— Used hybrid and electric vehicles of a value exceeding \$70,000 exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8704.9006	— New electric vehicles of a value exceeding \$70,000	250	No.
8704.9007	Used electric vehicles of a value exceeding \$70,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8704.9008	New electric vehicles of a value not exceeding \$70,000 exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8704.9001	Used electric vehicles of a value not exceeding \$70,000 exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8704.9010	Used electric vehicles of value exceeding \$70,000 exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8704.9090	Other	250	No.
8711.1010	Motor cycles Less than 10 yrs: with reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cc	50	No.
8711.1020	Motor cycles More than 10 yrs: with reciprocating internal combustion; piston engine of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cc	20% of Landed Cost	No.

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Fire Extinguishers	FREE	Hardi Plank/Board	FREE
Flags of Nation & Other Flags Floss (Dental)	25% 5%	Headphones	FREE
Flour (Non-prepared)	FREE	Hearing Aids	FREE
Fruit Snacks	30%	Heater (Tankless Water)	5%
Fruit Cocktail Fryer (Non Electric)	FREE 5%	Heart Monitor	FREE
Games (On Disc)	10%	Hedge Shears	10%
Garbage bags (Environmental Friendly)	FREE	Honey (Natural)	FREE
Garden Hose	45%	Hurricane Shutters (Wood)	5%
Gatorade	30%	Humidifiers	45%
Generators	FREE	Helmets	10%
Glitter	45%	HIV Test Strips	FREE
Glassware	45%	Hoes	10%
Glassware (Crystal)	5%	Hover Boards	20%
Gloves (Gardening)	10%	Ice Cream	20%
Gloves (Surgical)	10%	Ice cream & popsicles	20%
Gloves (Plastic)	20%	Ice & Water Shield	FREE
Gloves (Rubber)	45%	Ice Cream Machine	45%
Glue	20%	Incubators	FREE
Golf Carts	30%	Industrial Sanitizer	FREE
Electric	10%	Ink (Computer)	5%
Gowns (Graduation)	20%	Insecticides	FREE
Grits	FREE		
Gum (chewing)	30%	Insulin	FREE
Gum (including Nicotene)	20%	Insulated Steel Panels	25%
Hair Dryers	35%	IPad	FREE
Hair Dye/Rinse	25%	Iron (electric)	35%
Hair Conditioner	25%	Inverters for Solar panels	FREE
Hair Preparations	25%	Jack (Car)	45%
Hair ( <i>Artificial/Human</i> )	45%	Jams, Jellies, Marmalade etc	FREE
Handbags	FREE	Jewelry (Costume)	FREE
Hand Towels (Paper)	FREE	Jewelry (Gold / Silver / Platinum)	FREE
Hand Sanitizers	FREE	Jet Skis	FREE
Hangers (Plastic)	45%	Juice 100%	FREE
Hangers (Wooden)	35%	Karaoke Machine	35%
Hats	45%	Ketchup	FREE
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Keyboard (Musical instrument)	FREE	Nicotine Patches	FREE
Keys	20%	Noodles	FREE
Kidney Machines and Parts	FREE	Novelties	45%
Labels (printed)	45%	Nuts (Individually Packaged)	FREE
Ladder (Aluminum)	45%	Nuts (Commercially Packaged — >20lbs)	5%
Lavatory seats and covers		Oil (Body)	FREE
& fittings (of Steel	25%	Oil (Coconut for cooking)	FREE
Of plastic	5%	Oil (Motor)	45%
Lawn Mower & Parts	35%	Oil (Virgin/Sesame/Soybean)	FREE
Life Jackets	FREE	Other Wearing Apparel	20%
Lime	5%	Oven (Electric) Oven (Gas)	35% 5%
Locks	20%	Pans & Pots	25%
Lumber	FREE	Pads (Bed)	45%
Machetes	10%	Padlocks Paint - Artist	20% 25%
Mask Cloth	25%	Paint - Artist Paint - Other	45%
Matlocks	10%	Pantyhose	20%
Mattress	60%	Paper (Printing/Multipurpose)	5%
Mattress (Air)	45%	Paper (Toilet)	FREE
Mannequins	45%	Pasta Peanut Butter	FREE FREE
Malt Beverages	55%	Pens	FREE
Make Up	35%	Pencils	FREE
Mask (Cloth)	25%	Perfumes	FREE
Microphone	35%	Pesticides	FREE
Microwave	35%	Picks	10%
Milk FREE		Pillows	45%
Mirrors (Unframed)	45%	Pipes (PVC)	5%
Мор	45%	Pineapples	40%
Mopeds	75%	Pitch Forks	10%
Motorcycles	75%	Plastic Wares	
Motorcysles—Electric	10%	Plumbing	20%
Mouthwash	5%	-Bath Tubs 5%	
Nails (Building)	FREE	-Sinks 5%	
Neck Ties	20%	-fixtures 5%	
Newspapers	5%	Plywood	FREE

# **Environmental Levies**

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
8703.8040	— Used Electric motor vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.8050	— Used Electric motor vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.8060	— Used Electric motor vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8704.1010	— New dumpers designed for off highway use	250	No.
8704.1020	Used dumpers designed for off highway use not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8704.1030	— Used dumpers designed for off highway use	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8704.1030	exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8704.2110	— New vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes	250	No.
8704.2120	Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
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	No.
8704.2220	— Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes and not exceeding 10 yrs.	250	No.
8704.2230	— Used vehicles of g.v.w. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes exceeding 10 yrs.	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8704.2310	—New vehicles of g.v.w exceeding 20 tonnes	250	No.
8704.2320	—Used vehicles of g.v.w exceeding 20 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years	250	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	No.
8704.3120	Used vehicles of g.v.w. not exceeding 5 tonnes and not exceeding 10 years	250	No.

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
8703.4040	— Used Hybrid motor vehicle of value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.4050	Used Hybrid motor vehicle of value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.4060	— Used Hybrid motor vehicle of value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.5030	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.5040	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.5050	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.5060	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.6030	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.6040	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.6050	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.6060	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.7030	Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.7040	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.7050	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.7060	— Used Hybrid motor vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.8030	— Used Electric motor vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	250	No.

Point Of Sale System	FREE
Postcards (Other)	40%
Postcards (w/ Bahamian Scenes)	25%
Posters	40%
Potato Chips	FREE
- Other Chips	20%
Potting Soil	25%
Printer Multifunction Pudding / Jello-Pudding	FREE 20%
Rakes	10%
Radio	35%
Razor Blades	25%
Refrigerator (Household 30 cubic feet & under)	FREE
Refrigerator (Household over 30 cubic feet)	5%
Remote Controls	45%
Rice (non-prepared)	FREE
Rodenticides	FREE
Rims (mounted on tires)	60%
Rims (only)	60%
Rugs	45%
Rulers (School)	FREE
Rum \$15 (per	proof gal.)
Ruler (Other)	45%
Salad Dressing	5%
Salmon Fillet	FREE
Sandals	20%
Sanitary Napkins (Female)	FREE
Sardines (Canned)	FREE
Sausage	FREE
Satellite	45%
Scooters	20%
Scooters (Kick Push)	20%
Sea Moss	FREE
Sewing Machine	5%

int Of Sale System	FREE	Seasonings	5%
stcards (Other)	40%	Segways	20%
stcards (w/ Bahamian Scenes)	25%	Shampoo	25%
sters	40%	Shears	10%
tato Chips	FREE	Sheets (Linen)	15%
Other Chips	20%	Sheet Rock	FREE
tting Soil	25%	Shoes/Slippers	20%
nter Multifunction dding / Jello-Pudding	FREE 20%	Shower Curtain ( <i>Plastic</i> ) Shower Curtain ( <i>Fabric</i> ) Shrimp	20% 30% FREE
kes	10%	•	
dio	35%	Shrimp Bait	Free
zor Blades	25%	Soaps	FREE
frigerator (Household 30 cubic feet & under)	FREE	Socks	20%
frigerator (Household over 30 cubic feet)	5%	Soup (Canned)	FREE
mote Controls	45%	Speakers (Bluetooth)	FREE
ce (non-prepared) denticides ms <i>(mounted on tires)</i>	FREE FREE 60%	Spice Buns Stereo System Stockings	20% 35% 20%
ms (only)	60%	Stove (Less than 30")	FREE
gs	45%	Stove (wider than 30")	5%
lers (School)	FREE	(Household 30 cubic feet & under gas or electric)	FREE
m \$15 (per p	proof gal.)	(Household over 30 cubic feet gas or electric) Sugars and Syrups	5% FREE
ler (Other)	45%	Sunglasses (Prescription)	FREE
lad Dressing	5%	Sunglasses (Other) Supplements	FREE FREE
Imon Fillet	FREE	Surge Protectors	5%
ndals	20%	Surgical Masks Surveillance Security System	FREE FREE
nitary Napkins (Female)	FREE	Tableware, Kitchenware (Bio-degradable)	
rdines (Canned)	FREE	Tea	FREE
usage	FREE	Telephone (Land/Cordless)	10%
tellite	45%	Telephones (Cellular)	10%
ooters	20%	Television	35%
ooters (Kick Push)	20%	Tennis	20%
a Moss	FREE	Thread	10%
wing Machine	5%	Tires (Auto-Unmounted)	25%
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Tiles (Marble)	35%	Vehicles—Passenger Carrying >10 Pax	85%
Tiles (Ceramic)	25%	Video Game Machine	45%
Tiles (Roofing)	20%	Virtual Reality Headsets	45%
Toaster	35%	Visual Teaching Aids	FREE
Tools (Hand)	25%	Vitamins	FREE
Tooth Brush & Tooth Paste	FREE	Walking Sticks	FREE
Towels	30%	Walkie-Talkie	35%
Toys	20%	Wallets	FREE
Transmission Fluids	40%	Washing machine	5%
Tricycle	FREE	Watches	FREE
Tuna (Canned)	FREE	Watches (Smart)	FREE
Turkey	5%	Watches (Pocket)	25%
T-Shirts: (with/without Collar)	20%	Water Heater (Gas)	25%
UPS System	45%	Water Heaters (Solar)	5%
Umbrella	45%	Water Pump (vehicle)	45%
Vacuum Cleaner	45%	Water Pump (Well)	45%
Vehicles (New) 1.5 - 2.0 liter engine	45%	Wigs	45%
Vehicles (Electric exceeding \$70k)	25%	Windows	
Vehicles (Hybrids exceeding \$70K)	25%	- Aluminum double glazed or vacuum sea	1 25%
Vehicles (Hybrids not exceeding \$70K)	10%	- Vinyl double glazed or vacuum Sealed	FREE
Vehicles (Electric not exceeding \$70k)	10%	- Other (Aluminum)	20%
Vehicle—Cargo Carrying (Trucks/Vans)	65%	Wine	50%
Vehicles >2L Passenger Carrying	65%	Yeast	5%
Vehicles/Trucks (over 20 tons)	85%	Yogurt	FREE



# **Environmental Levies**

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
8703.2311	New Motor Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500 cc but not exceeding 2000 cc	250	No.
8703.2319	— Other New Motor Vehicles	250	No.
8703.2320	— Used Motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.2330	— Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.2340	— Antique Vehicles (vehicles 25-84 years)	250	No
8703.2350	— Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years & older)	250	No.
8703.2410	— New motor vehicles	250	No.
8703.2420	— Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.2430	— Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.2440	— Antique Vehicles (vehicles 25-84 years)	250	No.
8703.2450	— Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years & older)	250	No.
8703.3210	— New motor vehicles	250	No.
8703.3220	— Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.3230	— Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.3240	— Antique Vehicles (vehicles 25-84 years)	250	No.
8703.3250	— Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years & older)	250	No.
8703.3310	— New motor vehicles	250	No.
8703.3320	— Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8703.3330	— Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.3340	— Antique Vehicles (vehicles between 25-84 years)	250	No.
8703.3350	— Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years & older)	250	No.
8703.4030	— Used Hybrid motor vehicle of value exceeding	250	No.

# **Environmental Levies**

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE\$	Unit of Measure- ment
8507.3000	Nickel-cadmium	5	No.
8507.4000	Nickel-iron	5	No.
8507.6000	Lithium-ion	5	No.
8507.8000	Other accumulators	5	No.
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	No.
8702.1020	With compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), exceeding 10 years.	250	No.
8702.1030	Used with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), exceeding 10 years.	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.2110	— New Motor Vehicles under 1000 cc	250	No.
8703.2120	— Used motor Vehicles, not exceeding 10 years.	250	No.
8703.2130	— Used motor Vehicles, exceeding 10 years.	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.2140	— Antique Vehicles (vehicles 25-84 years)	250	No.
8703.2150	— Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years and older)	250	No.
8703.2210	— New Motor vehicles	250	No.
8703.2220	— Used motor vehicles not exceeding 10 years	250	No
8703.2230	— Used motor vehicles exceeding 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8703.2240	— Antique Vehicles (vehicles 25-84 years)	250	No.
8703.2250	— Vintage Vehicles (vehicles 85 years and older)	250	No.
8703.2300	— New Motor Vehicles		

# **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)

Bread

Camcorder

Camera (Digital)

Camera (Surveillance)

Cereal Coffee

Computers

Computer Monitor

Computer Printer (not multi-functional)

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

Detergent

Disposable Underwear/Undergarments

Doors

Drones with camera

E-Book Reader (Kindle/Nook/Sony Reader)

Exercise Equipment

Eye Glasses

Face Shields

Fertilizers

Flours

Fish (Canned) Fresh Fruits

Hand Sanitizer/Industrial

Hazmat Suits

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)

Medical Garments

Medical Grade Examination Gloves

Medicine

Needles (Medicinal)

Noodles Nut (Spreads) Pampers

Potatoes (Prepared)

Pesticides

Raw materials (Cottage & Light Industry Act)

Refrigerators (Household)

Rice

Salmon (Pacific, Atlantic, Sockeye, Other)

Sanitary Napkins (Female)

Sardines (Canned)

Solar Panels

Sausage Sea Moss

Shrimp Bait

Solar Panel System (approval from Minister)

Stoves (Household)

Soup (Canned) Sugar

Sunglasses

### **DUTY FREE ITEMS**

Supplements
Surgical Caps
Surgical Garments
Surgical Mask
Surveillance Security System
Tea
Test Strips (HIV, Diabetes, Pregnancy, Other Medical)

Tofu
Tooth Brush
Toothpaste
Tomatoes (Canned)
Visual Teaching Aids
Various Fruits
Vitamins

# **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 value of \$10,000.00; and
- (b) one vehicle up to a limit in value of \$30,000.00.
- 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 of The Bahamas, who prior to their departure from The Bahamas on that journey was a citizen or permanent resident of The Bahamas.

### **SECOND SCHEDULE (REGULATION 149)**

# **Environmental Levies**

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
8701.2090	Road tractors for semi-trailer more than 10 years	20% of Landed Cost	No.
8701.3000	Track-laying tractors	300	No.
8702.9010	Other motor vehicle not exceeding 10 years	250	No.
8705.1000	Crane-lorries	500	No.
8705.2000	Mobile drilling derricks	500	No.
8705.3000	Fire fighting vehicles	300	No.
8705.4000	Concrete-mixer lorries	500	No.
8705.9000	Other - Vehicles	500	No.
8709.1100	Work trucks, self-propelled (Electric)	300	No.
8709.1900	Other work trucks	250	No.
8710.0000	Tanks and other armored fighting vehicles, motorized, whether or not fitted with weapons, and parts of such vehicles.	300	No.
8903.1100	Pleasure Vessels	250	No.
8903.1200	Pleasure Vessels	250	No.
8903.1900	Pleasure Vessels	250	No.
89032100	Pleasure Vessels <24.6m	500	No.
8903.2200	Pleasure Vessels	500	No.
8903.2300	Pleasure Vessel	500	No.
8903.3110	Jet Ski	250	No.
8903.3190	Jet Ski	250	No.
8903.3200	Pleasure Vessel >24.6'	500	No.
8903.3300	Pleasure Vessel >78'	500	No.
8903.9310	Jet Ski with outboard motor	250	No.
8903.9320	Row Boat and Canoss	250	No.
8903.9900	Other Pleasure Vessels	500	No

# **Environmental Levies**

TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
8429.4000	Tamping machines and road rollers	300	No.
8429.5100	Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; front-end shovel loaders	300	No.
8429.5200	Machinery with a 360° revolving superstructure	300	No.
8429.5900	Other Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders	300	No.
8450.1100	Fully automatic washer with an efficient rating greater than 15.0	15	No.
8450.1200	Other machines w/built-in centrifugal center	15	No.
8450.1900	Other washers	15	No.
8450.2000	Machines, each of a dry linen capacity exceeding 10kg (22 lb.)	15	No.
8451.1000	Dry cleaning machines	15	No.
8451.2100	Machines, each of a dry linen capacity exceeding 10kg (22 lb.)	15	No.
8451.2900	Other Dryer	15	No.
8451.3000	Ironing machines and pressers (including fusing pressers)	15	No.
8451.4000	Washing, bleaching or drying machines	15	No.
8470.5020	Point of Sale systems	5	No.
8476.2100	Automatic beverage-vending machines; incorporating heating or refrigerating devices	25	No.
8476.2900	Other Automatic beverage-vending machines	25	No.
8476.8100	Other machines; incorporating heating or refrigerating devices	25	No.
8476.8900	Other Automatic beverage-vending machines	25	No.
8507.2000	Other lead-acid accumulators	5	No.
8701.1000	Single axle tractors	300	No.
8701.2010	Road tractors for semi-trailer 10 years or less	300	No.



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

- 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 are 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 on the Value of the Vehicle. Levy is charged for each vehicle and a processing fee is charged on the Value of the vehicle. The VAT is charged on the Landed Cost which consists of the Cost 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:

<u>Price Actually Paid or Payable (PAPP)</u> - 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, Customs may find the value of identical goods and use that value for the clearing of that shipment;



### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**SECOND SCHEDULE (REGULATION 149)** 

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<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;

<u>Deductive Value</u> - 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 xls, pdf, doc, or csv 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 pdf, tif, jpg. 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.

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
8429.1100	Bulldozers and angle dozers: Track laying	300	No.
8429.1900	Other Bull dozers	300	No.
8429.2000	Graders and levelers	300	No.
8451.5000	Machines for reeling, unreeling, folding, cutting or pinking textile fabrics	15	No.
8451.8000	Other machinery	15	No.
8471.4110	Personal Computers	5	No.
8502.1100	Generator of an output not exceeding 75 k VA	20	No.
8502.1200	Generator of an output exceeding 75 k VA but not exceeding 375 k VA	20	No.
8502.1300	Generator of an output exceeding 375 k VA	20	No.
8502.2000	Generating sets with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engines	20	No.
8504.3300	Transformers having a power handling capacity exceeding 16 k VA but not exceeding 500 k VA	2	No.
8504.3400	Transformers having a power handling capacity exceeding 500 k VA	2	No.
8507.1000	Lead-acid of a kind used for starting piston engines	5	No.
8516.5000	Microwave oven	5	No.
8516.6010	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
8516.6090	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
8517.1100	Line telephone sets with cordless handsets	5	No.
8517.1200	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks.	5	No.
8517.1800	Other Phones	5	No.
8528.7200	Television	5	No.
8429.3000	Scrapers	300	No.

# **Environmental Levies**

TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
8415.1010	Solar units	10	No.
8415.1090	Other Air-Condition Unit	10	No.
8415.8110	Solar air condition incorporating a refrigerating unit and a valve for reversal of cooling/heat cycle (reversible heat pumps)	10	No.
8415.8190	Other air condition incorporating a refrigerating unit and a valve for reversal of cooling/heat cycle	10	No.
8415.8210	Solar air condition incorporating a refrigerating unit	10	No.
8418.3000	Chest Freezers not exceeding (28.25 cubic ft) capacity	15	No.
8418.4000	Other upright Freezers	15	No.
8418.5000	Other furniture (chests, cabinets, display counter, show-cases) for storage and display, incorporating refrigerating or freezing equipment	15	No.
8418.2900	Other refrigerators	15	No.
8419.1100	Gas Water Heaters	20	No.
8419.1200	Solar Water Heaters	20	No.
8419.1900	Other Water Heaters	20	No.
8419.8100	Machines for Making Hot Drinks or Heating Food	20	No.
8419.8900	Other, cookers, etc	20	No.
8419.1990	Other Water Heaters	20	No.
8422.1110	Household type dishwashing machines with an efficient rating greater than 15.0	15	No.
8422.1900	Other dish washer	15	No.
8427.1000	Fork-lift trucks: self-propelled trucks powdered by an electric motor	200	No.
8427.2000	Other self-propelled trucks	200	No.
8427.9000	Other trucks	250	No.

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**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 seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00), is collected on cargo imported and exported as per forms below:

Form	Form Description	Fee
*C13	Home Consumption Entry (Now the Single Administrative Document)	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
<b>C7</b>	Aircraft General Declaration Inwards and Outwards—Charter (4 seats or less).	\$75
<b>C7</b>	Aircraft General Declaration Inwards and Outwards—Regularly Scheduled Commercial Aircraft.	\$50
C7A	Inward Declaration and Cruising Permit for Private Aircraft entering The Bahamas (Recreational Purposes only)	\$150
С7В	Aircraft General Declaration Inwards and Outwards—Private Commercial Charter (More than 4 seats).	\$150
C7C	Aircraft General Declaration Inwards and Outwards—Commercial Cargo Flight	\$150
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	<b>\$25</b>
C27	Re-Warehousing Entry	<b>\$25</b>
C28	Entry Outwards of Vessel	<b>\$75</b>
C48	Miscellaneous Refund Claim	<b>\$75</b>
C54	Application for Payment of Proceeds of Sale of Goods	\$75

# **Environmental Levies**

TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE\$	Unit of Measure- ment
3922.1000	Baths Showers and Sinks	5	No
3922.9090	Other	5	No
4011.1000	New car tyres	5	No.
4011.2000	New Bus/Lorries tyres (including trucks) Other having a "herring bone" or similar tread:	5	No.
4011.3000	Aircraft tyres	25	No.
4011.4000	Motorbike tyres	5	No.
4011.5000	Bicycle tyres	1	No.
4011.7000	New Agriculture/Forestry tyres	10	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	No.
4011.9000	Other tyres	2	No.
4012.1100	Retreaded car tyres	5	No.
4012.1200	Retreaded Bus/Lorries tyres (including trucks)	5	No.
4012.1300	Retreaded Aircraft tyres	25	No.
4012.1900	Retreaded Other tyres	5	No.
4012.2010	Used Pneumatic tyres for motor cars	5	No.
4012.2020	Used Bus, Lorries tyres (Including trucks)	5	No.
4012.2090	Other Used Pneumatic tyres	25	No.
4012.9010	Used Cars tyres	5	No.
4012.9020	Used Bus, Lorries tyres (Including trucks)	5	No.
4012.9090	Other used tyres	5	No.
6910.1090	Baths Showers and Sinks of Ceramic	5	No
6910.9090	Other	5	No

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# **SECOND SCHEDULE (REGULATION 149)**

# **Environmental Levies**

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	LEVY RATE \$	Unit of Measure- ment
7321.1110	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
7321.1190	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.1211	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width (kerosene)	5	No.
7321.1219	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.1291	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
7321.1299	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.1911	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
7321.1919	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.1991	Stoves not exceeding 30 inches in width	5	No.
7321.1999	Stoves (Other)	5	No.
7321.8100	Other appliances - gas or fuel	5	No.
7321.8200	Appliances for liquid fuel	5	No.
7321.8900	Appliances for solid fuel	5	No.
8415.1010	Aircondition Hybrid	10	No.
8415.1090	Other	10	No.
8415.8110	Hybrid Air Condition	10	No.
8415.8190	Other	10	No.
8415.8210	Hybrid Air Condition	10	No.
8415.8290	Other	10	No.
84158310	Hybrid air Condition	10	No.
8415.8390	Other	10	No.
8418.1000	Combined Refrigerator Freezers fitted with separate	15	No.
8418.1010	Refrigerators of 30 cubic feet or less	15	No.
8418.1090	Refrigerators (Other)	15	No.
8418.2100	Compression-type refrigerator with efficient rating	15	No.