# THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2009

# MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Customs and Excise Act so as to

- (a) reduce excise duty on heavy fuel oils;
- (b) reduce duty on major capital goods;
- (c) revise the rates of customs, export and excise duty payable on certain goods; and
- (d) provide for matters connected with or incidental to the foregoing.

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# A BILL

Customs and Excise (Amendment)

### ENTITLED

	An Act to amend the Customs and Excise Act.	Enactment
	ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia	Short title and commencement
	1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Customs and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2009, and shall be read as one with the Customs and Excise Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.	Cap. 322
5	(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 31st January, 2009.	
	2. Section <i>thirty-four</i> of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by the deletion of paragraph (d) and the substitution therefor of the following new paragraph:	Amendment of section 34
0	(d) unless the goods are entered to be warehoused or removed in bond, pay all duties due on the goods at the lodgment of the entry:	
15	Provided that where electronic registration on the Customs Computer System exists, the payment shall be made from the date of registration or within five days of the issue of an assessment notice.	
	3. The principal Act is amended—  (a) by the insertion immediately after section eighty-eight A  of the following new section:	Insertion of new section 88B
20	88B. The value for the purpose of assessing the amount of excise duty payable on services rendered in Zambia shall be determined in accordance with the Seventh Schedule to this Act.; and  (b) by the renumbering of section eighty-eight B as eighty-	Valuation of services for purposes of assessing excise duty payable on excisable
25	eight C.	services

Amendment 4. Section one hundred and thirty nine A of the principal of section Act is amended by—		
1378	(a) the deletion of the definition of "talk time"; and	
	(b) the insertion in the appropriate place of the following new definition:	5
	"air time" means the minutes of voice calls, short message service (sms), multi media service (mms) or such other service as a subscriber may consume through a mobile cellular telephone.	10
Amendment of section 139G	5. Section <i>one hundred and thirty nine G</i> of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words "talk time" wherever they appear and the substitution therefor of the words "air time".	
Remission of unrecovered duty, fine, etc	6. Section <i>one hundred and thirty nine M</i> of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words "talk time" wherever they appear and the substitution therefor of the words "air time".	15
Insertion of new section 171B	7. The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section <i>one hundred and seventy-one A</i> of the following new section:	
Remission of unrecovered duty, fine, etc	171B. The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Commissioner-General, by statutory instrument, remit the whole or part of any duty, fine or interest due and is not recoverable under this Act, if the tax liabilities meet the following conditions:	20
	(a) the importer, exporter or manufacturer has—	25
Cap. 86	(i) been declared bankrupt by the High Court under the Bankruptcy Act; or	-
Cap. 388	<ul><li>(ii) in the case of a company, been wound up by the High Court under the Companies Act;</li></ul>	
	(b) in the case of a privatised company, the debt was incurred before the date of privatisation, unless the contract of sale stipulates that the company's liabilities are to be carried over by the new owners; and	30
	(c) the person liable to pay tax provides such other	35
Amendment of First Schedule	8. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended as set out in Appendix I to this Act.	

9.	The Second Schedule to the principal Act is	amended as
set out	in Appendix II to this Act.	

Amendment of Second Schedule

10. The Fourth Schedule to the principal Act is amended as set out in Appendix III.

Amendment of Fourth Schedule

5 11. The Sixth Schedule to the principal Act is amended by—

Amendment of Sixth Schedule

(a) the renumbering of paragraph 1 as sub-paragraph (1); and

(b) the insertion immediately after sub-paragraph (1) of the following new sub-paragraph:

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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1), the value of undenatured alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80 per centum, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages shall be determined on the basis of the value of the imported input alcohol, where such imported input alcohol is of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 per centum volume or higher.

Repeal and replacement of Seventh Schedule

12. The principal Act is amended by the repeal of the Seventh Schedule and the substitution therefor of the Seventh Schedule set 20 out in Appendix IV to this Act.

Amendment of Ninth Schedule

13. The Ninth Schedule to the principal Act is amended as set out in Appendix V.

#### APPENDIX I

#### (Section 9)

#### AMENDMENT TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE

#### **Customs Tariff**

- 1. Chapter 15 is amended—
  - (a) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 1507.10.00 and 1512.11.00 by the deletion of the figure "5%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free"; and
  - (b) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 1511.10.00 by the deletion of the figure "15%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free".
- 2. Chapter 25 is amended in the duty rate column opposite subheading 2520.10.00 by the deletion of the figure "25%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free".
- 3. Chapter 48 is amended in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 4811.51.00 and 4811.59.00 by the deletion of the figure "5%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free".
- 4. Chapter 52 is amended by the deletion of subheadings 5208.11.00, 5208.12.00 and 5208.19.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

HS Code	Description of goods	Statistical Unit of Quantity	Customs Duty Rate	Remarks
	Plain weave, weighing not more	~ .		
5208.11.10	than 100g/ m <sup>2</sup> Grey fabric including loomstead specially imported for further			
	processing in the textile industry	Kg	free	
5208.11.90	Other	Kg Kg	*	
	Plain weave, weighing more than 100g/ m <sup>2</sup>			
5208.12.10	Grey fabric including loomstead			
	specially imported for further processing			
	in the textile industry	Kg Kg	free	
5208.12.90	Other	Kg	, *	
	Other Fabrics			
5208.19.10	Grey fabric including loomstead			
	specially imported for further	**	C	
	processing in the textile industry	Kg	free	
5208.19.90	Other	Kg	*	
* 15% or K35	500 per Kg whichever is greater			

(b) the deletion of subheadings 5209.11.00 and 5209.19.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

HS Code	Description of goods	Statistical Unit of	Customs Duty	Remarks
	D1 1	Quantity	Rate	Kemarks
	Plain weave			
5209.11.10	Grey fabric including loomstead			
	specially imported for further processing			
	in the textile industry	Kg	free	
5209.11.90	Other	Kg	*	
	other fabrics			
5209.19.10	Grey fabric including loomstead specially			
	imported for further processing in the textile			
	industry	Kg	free	
5209.19.90	other	Kg	*	
	00 per Kg whichever is greater	,0		
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(c) the deletion of subheadings 5210.11.00 and 5210.19.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

HS Code	Description of goods	Statistical Unit of	Customs Duty	3
	Plain weave	Quantity	Rate	Remarks
5210.11.10	Grey fabric including loomstead			
	specially imported for further processin	g		
	in the textile industry	Kg	free	
5210.11.90	Other other fabrics	Kg	*	
5210.19.10	Grey fabric including loomstead special	lv		
	imported for further processing in the texti	ile		
	industry	Kg	free	
5210.19.90	other	Kg	*	
*15% or K35	00 per Kg whichever is greater	8		

(d) the deletion of subheadings 5211.11.00 and 5211,19.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

HS Code	Description of goods	Statistical Unit of Quantity	Customs Duty Rate	Remarks
5211.11.10	Grey fabric including loomstead specially imported for further processing in the textile industry Other other fabrics	Kg Kg	free *	
5211.19.10 5211.19.90 *15% or K35	Grey fabric including loomstead specially imported for further processing in the textile industryother 00 per Kg whichever is greater	Kg Kg	free *	

(e) the deletion of subheadings 5212.11.00 and 5212.21.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

HS Code	Description of goods	Statistical Unit of	Customs Duty	
5212.11.10	Plain weaveGrey fabric including loomstead specially imported for further	Quantity	Rate	Remarks
5212.11.90	processing in the textile industryOtherother fabrics	Kg Kg	free *	
5212.21.10 5212.21.90	Grey fabric including loomstead specially imported for further processing in the textile industryother	Kg Kg	free	
*15% or K35	00 per Kg whichever is greater		ag bree	

Chapter 55 is amended by—

the deletion of subheadings 5512.11.00, 5512.21.00, 5512.91.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

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(b) the deletion of subheadings 5513.19.00, 5513.29.00 and 5513.39.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

HS Code	Description of goods	Statistical Unit of	Customs Duty	
		Quantity	Rate	Remarks
5513.19.10	Other woven fabricsof polyester staple fibres imported for further processing in the textile			
	industry	Kg	free	
5513.19.90	other	Kg	*	
5513.29.10 5513.29.90	Other woven fabricsof polyester staple fibres imported for further processing in the textile industryother	Kg Kg	free *	
5513.39.10	Other woven fabricsof polyester staple fibres imported			
	for further processing	Kg	free	
5513.39.90	other	Kg	*	
* 15% or K350	0 per Kg whichever is greater			

## 6. Chapter 74 is amended-

(a) by the deletion of subheading 7403.19.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

HS Code	Description of goods	Statistical Unit of Quantity	Customs Duty Rate	Remarks
7403.19.10	copper blister	Kg	free	
7403.19.90	other	Kg	15%	

(b) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 7406.10.00 and 7406.20.00 by the deletion of the figure "15%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free".

# 7. Chapter 84 is amended—

- (a) in the duty rate column opposite subheading 8418.69.10 by the deletion of the figure "5%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free";
- (b) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 8427.10.00, 8427.20.00 and 8427.90.00 by the deletion of the figure "15%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free";
- (c) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 8429.11.00, 8429.19.00, 8429.20.00, 8429.30.00, 8429.40.00, 8429.51.00, 8429.52.00, 8429.59.00, by the deletion of the figure "5%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free"; and
- (d) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 8430.10.00, 8430.20.00, 8430.31.00, 8430.39.00, 8430.41.00, 8430.49.00, 8430.50.00, 8430.61.00, 8430.69.00 by the deletion of the figure "5%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free".
- 8. Chapter 85 is amended in the duty rate column opposite subheading 8517.12.00 by the deletion of the figure "5%" and the substitution therefor of the figure "15%".

#### 9. Chapter 87 is amended—

- (a) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 8701.20.00, 8701.90.10 and 8701.90.90 by the deletion of the figure "5%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free";
- (b) in the duty rate column opposite subheading 8701.30.00 by the deletion of the figure "15%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free"; and
- (c) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 8705.10.00, 8705.20.00, 8705.30.00, 8705.40.00 and 8705.90.00 by the deletion of the figure "15%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free".
- 10. Chapter 88 is amended by the deletion of subheadings 8802.13.00, 8802.19.00, 8802.21.00, 8802.29.00, 8802.31.00, 8802.39.00, 8802.41.00, 8802.49.00, 8802.51.00 and 8802.59.00 and the substitution therefor of the following new subheadings:

HS Code	Description of goods	Statistical Unit of Quantity	Customs Duty Rate	Remarks
8802.20.00	-Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen weight not exceeding 2,000kg	Kg	free	

8802.30.00	-Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen weight exceeding	Kg	free
	2,000kg but not exceeding 15,000kg		
8802.40.00	-Aeroplanes and other aircraft,	Kg	free
	of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000k	kg .	
8802.60.00	- Spacecraft (including satellites)	Kg	free
	and suborbital and spacecraft launch ve	hicles	

# 11. Chapter 90 is amended —

- (a) in the duty rate column opposite subheading 9015.10.00 by the deletion of the figure "25%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free"; and
- (b) in the duty rate column opposite subheadings 9015.20.00, 9015.30.00, 9015.40.00, 9015.80.00 and 9015.90.00 by the deletion of the figure "15%" and the substitution therefor of the word "free".

#### APPENDIX II

(Section 10)

AMENDMENT TO THE SECOND SCHEDULE

#### **Excise Tariff**

The Second Schedule is amended-

- (a) in heading 2 by the deletion of the figure "75%" in the duty rate column opposite subheading (b) and the substitution therefor of the figure "60%"; and
- (b) in heading 6 by the deletion of the figure "30 %" in the duty rate column opposite subheading (g) and the substitution therefor of the figure "15%".

#### APPENDIX III

(Section 11)

AMENDMENT TO THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

#### Surtax Tariff

The Fourth Schedule is amended in paragraph 2 of the Description of Goods column by the insertion between the words "from" and "ambulances" of the words "vehicles propelled by non-pollutant energy sources,"

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# APPENDIX IV

(Section 13)

### SEVENTH SCHEDULE

(Section 88B)

Valuation of Services for the Purpose Of Assessing Excise Duty Payable On Excisable Services

The value of air time for the purposes of section *seventy-six* <u>B</u> shall be the price at which the air time is sold or otherwise disposed of in whatever manner, exclusive of excise duty, surtax and value added tax, by a service provider licensed under section *one hundred and thirty-nine D*.

# APPENDIX V

(Section 14)

Amendment To The Ninth Schedule

#### **Export Tariff**

The Ninth Schedule is amended—

- (a) in heading 1 by the deletion of the figure "15 %" in the export duty rate column opposite subheading 1207.20.00 and the substitution therefor of the figure "20%"; and
- (b) in heading 3 by the deletion of the figure "15 %" in the export duty rate column opposite subheading 5201.00.00 and the substitution therefor of the figure "20%".