

BILL NO. 10 OF 2019

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE VALUE ADDED TAX ACT 1991

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Value Added Tax (Budget Amendment) Act 2019.
- (2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2019.

Section 14 amended

2. Section 14 of the Value Added Tax Act 1991 is amended by—
 - (a) in subsection (4A) after “(money),”, inserting “141 (hybrid and electric charging vessels),”; and
 - (b) deleting subsection (5A) and substituting the following—
 - “(5A) No tax shall be levied under this Part for the importation of any—
 - (a) aircraft used for commercial air transport operations; and
 - (b) ship for coasting-trade under the Maritime Transport Act 2013.”.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bill and is intended only to indicate its general effect)

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Value Added Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2019 (**‘Bill’**) seeks to amend the Value Added Tax Act 1991 (**‘Act’**) to address budgetary policy changes in the 2019-2020 Budget.

2.0 CLAUSES

2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement. If passed by Parliament, the amending legislation will come into force on 1 August 2019.

2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 14 of the Act to include the concession code for hybrid and electric vessels that are exempt from value added tax (**‘VAT’**).

2.3 Clause 2 of the Bill further amends section 14 of the Act to exempt the importation of aircraft for commercial air transport operations or ships for coasting-trade from payment of VAT.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 The Act comes under the responsibility of the Minister responsible for finance.

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