

BILL NO. 46 OF 2016

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXCISE ACT 1986

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Excise (Budget Amendment) Act 2016.
- (2) This Act comes into force on 23 June 2016.
- (3) In this Act the Excise Act 1986 shall be referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 2 amended

2. The Principal Act is amended in section 2 by—
 - (a) inserting the following new definitions—

““downtown duty free shop” means a downtown duty free shop as defined in the Customs Act 1986;” and
 - (b) in the definition of “export warehouse” inserting “or downtown duty free shops” after “duty free shops”.

Part 1 of Schedule 2 amended

3. Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Principal Act is amended by deleting the expressions contained in the second column and substituting with the expressions contained in the third column for the items listed in the first column—

<i>Column 1 Item</i>	<i>Column 3 Delete</i>	<i>Column 3 Substitute</i>
1.01	“228.74 cents”	“\$2.63”
1.02	“152.50 cents”	“\$1.75”
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1.03	“152.50 cents”	“\$1.75”
2.01	“\$131.80”	“\$151.57”
2.02	“\$77.43”	“\$89.04”
2.03	“\$131.80”	“\$151.57”
2.03	“\$77.43”	“\$89.04”
3.01	“\$2.25”	“\$2.59”
3.02	“\$2.63”	“\$3.02”
4.01	“\$86.90”	“\$99.94”
4.03	“\$49.63”	“\$57.07”
4.04	“\$86.90”	“\$99.94”
4.05	“\$1.61”	“\$1.85”
5.01	“\$3.99”	“\$4.59”
5.02	“\$3.50”	“\$4.03”
5.03	“\$3.99”	“\$4.59”
5.04	“\$3.50”	“\$4.03”
6.00	“10 cents”	“30 cents”
7.00	“10 cents”	“30 cents”

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 This Bills seeks to amend the Excise Act 1986 ('Act').

2.0 CLAUSES

2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides the short title and the commencement provisions.

2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 2 of the Act by including the definition of downtown duty free shop and inseting the term "downtown duty free shops" into the definition of "export warehouse". The purpose of this amendment is to encourage the establishment of downtown duty free shops as per the amendments to the Customs Act 1986.

2.3 In efforts to combat the rise of non-communicable diseases in Fiji, clause 3 of the Bill introduces—

(a) a new 15% increase in excise duty for tobacco, cigarettes and alcohol;
and

(b) an additional 20 cents per litre increase in excise duty for carbonated drinks and sweetened beverages.

2.4 This amendment is envisaged to increase the price of the abovementioned goods in order to deter people from the excessive consumption of these goods which may result in non-communicable diseases.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

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