

BILL NO. 24 OF 2022

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 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2022.
- (2) This Act is deemed to have come into force on 1 April 2022.
- (3) In this Act, the Value Added Tax Act 1991 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 14 amended

2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “an exempt supply” and substituting “a zero-rated supply”; and
- (b) in subsection (1B), deleting “7323.81.00” and substituting “7321.81.00”.

Section 15 amended

3. Section 15(1A) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “7323.81.00” and substituting “7321.81.00”.

Section 21A amended

4. Section 21A of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following heading—

“Imposition of tax”.

Schedule 2 amended

5. Schedule 2 to the Principal Act is amended in paragraph 31 after customs tariff code “2710.12.21” by inserting “, 9619.00.10”.

April 2022

VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 2022

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 Act 1991 ('**Act**') provides for the administration of the Value Added Tax ('**VAT**') in Fiji.
- 1.2 The Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2022 ('**Bill**') seeks to amend the Act to incorporate the revised 2021-2022 budget policies that were not incorporated in the Value Added Tax (Revised Budget Amendment) Act 2022.

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 be deemed to have come into force on 1 April 2022.
- 2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 14 of the Act to provide that VAT will not be levied on the importation of zero-rated supply of goods.
- 2.3 Clause 2 of the Bill also amends section 14 of the Act to rectify the customs tariff code for gas stoves from 7323.81.00 to 7321.81.00.
- 2.4 Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 15 of the Act to rectify the customs tariff code for gas stoves from 7323.81.00 to 7321.81.00.
- 2.5 Clause 4 of the Bill amends section 21A of the Act to provide for a heading to section 21A.
- 2.6 Clause 5 of the Bill amends Schedule 2 to the Act to insert the customs tariff code for sanitary pads which is 9619.00.10.

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3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

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