



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **TROPICAL CYCLONE YASA –IMPORTATION OF DISASTER RELIEF GOODS**

1. The importation and donation of disaster relief goods are eligible for duty concession under Code 215A of the Customs Tariff Act in the areas declared under the State of Natural Disaster.
2. The Declaration of Natural Disaster came into effect from 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and is effective for a period of 30 days. This concession is available until 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 in line with the Declaration of the State of Natural Disaster unless extended by the Minister of Economy.
3. The concession is applicable to Fijians, who have been genuinely affected by the impact of the Tropical Cyclone Yasa.
4. All donated goods consigned to religious and charitable organizations for relief purposes are free of duty and Value Added Tax (VAT) provided that these goods are addressed to the Prime Minister's Hurricane Relief and Rehabilitation Fund and approved by the National Disaster and Management Office (NDMO).
5. All donations from individuals and organizations abroad in relation to the Tropical Cyclone Yasa and flooding assistance, which is distributed to affected people in Fiji, can be addressed to the National Disaster and Management Office who would then coordinate and distribute the goods accordingly.
6. Goods consigned to individuals for assistance towards Tropical Cyclone Yasa Victims are exempt from Fiscal duty, Import Excise and VAT provided that the proof of evidence of damage and cyclone impact is produced at the time of clearance of the goods.
7. At the time of clearance, the Tax Identification Number (TIN) and a valid ID such as the voter card confirming the residential address must be produced by the individual to whom the goods are consigned.

8. The goods imported must provide immediate relief such as household effects or assistance in rebuilding but does not include jewelry, vehicles and prohibited or restricted items.
9. The Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) will engage with Natural Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and the Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF) to verify persons requiring assistance under the identified areas affected by the Tropical Cyclone Yasa and flood.
10. Goods, which are not consigned or deemed as disaster relief, shall be cleared under the normal provisions and the appropriate duty rates will be applied.

**Queries and Clarifications**

Any queries on this Public Notice can be directed to the following Chief Customs Officers (Revenue) at our Ports of entry:

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**19<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**