



SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

ACT NO. 12 OF 2015

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DR. FREDERICK BALLANTYNE
Governor-General

17th August, 2015

AN ACT to amend the Customs Duties Act.

[18th August, 2015]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Customs Duties (Amendment) Act, 2015. Short title
2. The First Schedule of the Customs Duties Act is amended – Amendment to
First Schedule of
Customs Duties
Act, Cap. 423 (O)
 - (a) by deleting from under the heading "General Note", the paragraph beginning with the words "The rates of duty shown in the Schedule of Rates" and inserting the following paragraphs –

"The rates of duty shown in the Schedule of Rates will be applicable to imports from third countries into the Member States of the Caribbean Community as well as to goods traded among the Member States of the Caribbean Community which do not qualify for Community origin treatment.

The goods with tariff headings shown in the table headed "List of Products Benefitting from

Article 164 of the Revised Treaty” will be applied in the following manner –

- (i) the rates shown in the column headed “Rate of Duty to be applied to imports from MDC”, will be applicable to goods qualifying for Community origin treatment on importation into Saint Vincent and the Grenadines having originated from the more developed Member States of the Caribbean Community; and
 - (ii) the rates shown in the column headed “Rate of Duty to be applied to imports from Third Countries”, will be applicable to goods not qualifying for Community origin treatment whether or not imported from third countries.”.
- (b) by deleting from the Schedule of Rates the heading numbers, description of goods, rate of duty and other particulars of the following goods –

HEADING	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS
1101.00.10	Of durum wheat
1101.00.90	Other
2201.10.20	Aerated Waters
2201.90.10	Ordinary natural waters
2201.90.90	Other
2202.10.10	Aerated Beverages
2203.00.10	Beer
2203.00.20	Stout
2203.00.90	Other

- (c) by adding the following list after List D –

**“LIST OF PRODUCTS BENEFITTING
FROM ARTICLE 164 OF THE REVISED
TREATY**

The application of the list in the table is governed by the following –

General note

Under Article 164 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) may, on application by the less developed countries, authorise these Member States to suspend Community origin treatment to eligible goods as a temporary measure to promote the development of an industry in any of the Member States.

Pursuant to Article 164, the COTED has decided to allow the less developed countries to suspend Community origin treatment on the products listed in the table except where they originate from the less developed countries including Haiti and qualify for Community origin treatment.

Interpretation

In the table –

“MDC” means a more developed country within the meaning of Article 4 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy signed in the Bahamas on the 5th day of July 2001.

HEADING	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	RATE OF DUTY	EPA RATE OF DUTY 2013	RATE OF DUTY TO BE APPLIED TO IMPORTS FROM MDC	RATE OF DUTY TO BE APPLIED TO IMPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES	UNIT(S)	SITC REV3
1101.00.10	Of durum wheat			70%	100%	kg	046.11
1101.00.90	Other			70%	100%	kg	046.19
2201.10.20	Aerated Waters			70%	100%	kg and l	111.012
2201.90.10	Ordinary natural waters			70%	100%	kg and l	111.013
2201.90.90	Other			70%	100%	kg and l	111.019
2202.10.10	Aerated Beverages			70%	100%	kg and l	111.021
2203.00.10	Beer			70%	100%	kg and l	112.31
2203.00.20	Stout			70%	100%	kg and l	112.32
2203.00.90	Other			70%	100%	kg and l	112.39

Passed in the House of Assembly this 4th day of August, 2015.

NICOLE HERBERT
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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