

NOTICE
TARIFF ACT
DECLARATION OF EXIGENCY

WHEREAS the Acting Minister of Finance on the 2nd day of September, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of Tariff Code 9817.0000 of Chapter 98 of the First Schedule to the Tariff Act, hereby declares the following Exigency to be an Exigency which qualifies for the purposes of Customs Duty exemption permitted under the said Item 9, namely-

the urgent need for goods specified in Schedule A hereof which the Acting Minister is satisfied are intended for the relief of persons in the Islands listed in Schedule B hereof who have suffered hardship or loss as a result of Hurricane Dorian on an immediate basis, and after the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date hereof whose claims/applications in respect of such goods are certified by the Director of The National Emergency Management Agency (“NEMA”)-

AND WHEREAS the Acting Minister of Finance further declares that –

- (a) the importation of the goods under the provision of the said Item 9 are only permitted for a period of Ninety (90) days (save for bottled water, clothing, food and personal Hygiene products) commencing on the 2nd day of September, 2019 and ending the 2nd day of December, 2019 or for such further period as the Minister of Finance may specify by Notice; and
- (b) Departure Tax, Customs Processing Fees and any Environmental levy Fees are waived for non-commercial flights bringing in relief goods imports in the islands mentioned in Schedule C. This waiver is permitted for a period of three (3) months commencing on the 2nd day of September, 2019.
- (c) The movement of heavy duty equipment out of the bonded area of Freeport, Grand Bahama for the use in disaster relief and reconstruction of damage caused by Hurricane Dorian is permitted for a period of thirty (30) days commencing 2nd September, 2019.

SCHEDULE A

GOODS

Medicine and Medical supplies
Building materials
Tents, cots, bedding materials and mosquito nettings
Electrical fixtures and materials
Plumbing fixtures and materials
Household furniture, furnishing and appliances
Electrical Generators
*Bottled Water
*Clothing
*Food for personal consumption
*Personal hygiene products
Such other items as may, in the opinion of the Financial Secretary,
be hurricane relief supplies

**Permitted for a period of 30 days commencing the 2nd day of September, 2019.
Clothing, food and personal hygiene products must be donated items or a replacement of
personal supplies lost during the hurricane.*

SCHEDULE B

ISLANDS

Abaco,
Abaco Cays
Grand Bahama Island
Sweetings Cay
Deep Water Cay
Water Cay

SCHEDULE C

**ISLANDS WAIVING LANDING FEE, DEPARTURE TAX AND CUSTOMS
PROCESSING FEES FOR NON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS**

Abaco,
Abaco Cays
Grand Bahama Island
Sweetings Cay
Deep Water Cay
Water Cay

Customs Duty and VAT exemption will be granted on donations to registered charitable organizations, and on acquisitions by individuals whose loss by Hurricane Dorian has been verified by NEMA. All other authorized donations will be deemed a Gift to the Government and will be received and distributed by NEMA.

Any person who knowingly imports any goods, pursuant to this Declaration, but for the purpose other than as specifically provided for under the Declaration, commits an offence and is liable to penalties and forfeiture of goods in accordance with section 268 and 292, respectively, of the Customs Management Act. (No.32 of 2011)

Dated this 2nd September, 2019

(ACTING) MINISTER OF FINANCE

