

SECOND READING SPEECH

CUSTOMS TARIFF (2015 BUDGET)(AMENDMENT) BILL 2014

MR SPEAKER,

THE BILL PROPOSES:

1. AN AMENDMENT TO THE *CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT 1990* TO INTRODUCE A NEW TARIFF ITEM FOR OTHER MEATS AND EDIBLE OFFAL THAT DO NOT FALL IN THE MECHANICALLY DEBONED MEAT (MDM) DESCRIPTION.

THIS IS INTENDED TO AVOID POTENTIAL CONFUSION IN IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE ITEMS AND RATES.

2. A CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW EXCISE TARIFF ITEMS FOR MISCLASSIFIED CIGARETTES. THIS IS TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN THE DESCRIPTIONS CONTAINED IN BOTH *EXCISE TARIFF ACT 1956* AND *CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT*.

MR SPEAKER, I COMMEND THE BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM
Customs Tariff (2015 Budget)(Amendment) Bill 2014

This bill will introduce a new tariff item for other meats and edible offal that do not fall in the mechanically deboned meat (MDM) description.

This is intended to avoid potential confusion in identification of appropriate items and rates. The import duty rate of this tariff item will be consistent with other tariff able items under heading 0207 except for MDM. Currently most goods in Chapter two (2) of the *Customs Tariff Act 1990* are attracting k2 and are scheduled to fall to K1.80 in 2015 as per the current Tariff Reduction Program.

This bill also introduces a consequential amendment resulting from the introduction of new excise tariff items for misclassified cigarettes. This is to ensure consistency in the descriptions contained in both *Excise Tariff Act 1956* and Customs Tariff Act.

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No. of 2014.

Customs Tariff (2015 Budget)(Amendment) Bill 2014.

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSE.

Amendment of Schedule 1 – Customs Tariff.



A BILL

for

AN ACT

entitled

Customs Tariff (2015 Budget)(Amendment) Bill 2014.

Being an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1990*,

MADE by the National Parliament to come into operation on 1 January 2015.

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1 – CUSTOMS TARIFF.

Schedule 1 of the Principal Act is amended by introducing the following tariff items, description of goods and rate of import duties:

TARIFF ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Duty rate from 1 January 2015
0207.14.90.	Other	K1.80 per Kilogram
0207.27.90	Other	K1.80 per Kilogram
2402.20.40	Cigarettes of tobacco or tobacco substitutes with filter containing tobacco other than dark fired tobacco	K65 Per 1000 sticks
2402.20.50	Cigarettes of tobacco and or tobacco substitutes without filter containing dark fired tobacco (spear or equivalent)	K65 Per 1000 sticks