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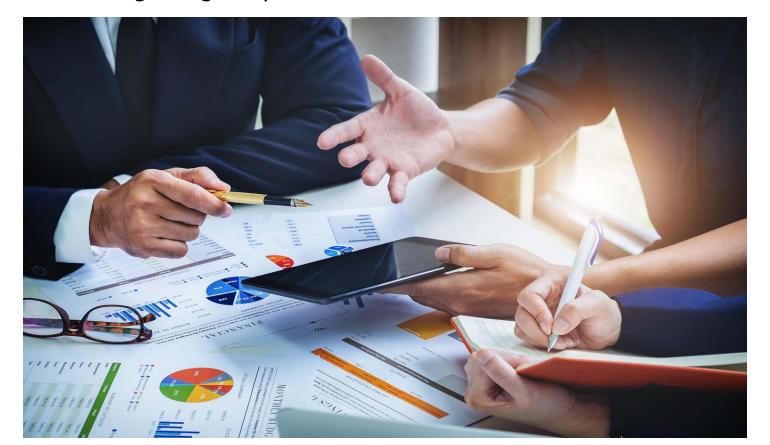






Preface

This represents a brief summary of important changes introduced by the Finance Bill, 2023 of Bangladesh, both in the fields of **Direct and Indirect Taxes**. As would be evident from the summary, some of the existing provisions of law have been proposed to be amended or rationalized. Our aim is to acquaint our clients and prospective investors, home and abroad, with the latest proposal of amendments regarding the provisions of the said laws.







Budget Structure

BDT in Crore

| Particulars | Proposed Budget | Revised Budget | Change | Budget FY |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|-----------|
| | FY 2023-2024 | FY 2022-2023 | (%) | 2022-2023 |
| Total Budget size | 7,61,785 | 6,60,507 | 15.33% | 6,78,064 |
| GDP size | 50,06,782 | 44,39,273 | 12.78% | 44,49,959 |
| Inflation rate | 6% (expected) | 7.5% | | |
| | | | | |
| Operating expenditure | 4,75,281 | 4,14,283 | 14.72% | 4,11,406 |
| Development expenditure | 2,77,582 | 2,41,607 | 14.89% | 2,59,617 |
| Others | 8,922 | 4,617 | 93.24% | 7,041 |
| Total expenditure | 7,61,785 | 6,60,507 | 15.33% | 6,78,064 |
| Tay rayanua | 4,50,000 | 2 00 000 | 15.98% | 2 00 000 |
| Tax revenue: | , , , | 3,88,000 | | 3,88,000 |
| NBR Tax | 4,30,000 | 3,70,000 | 16.22% | 3,70,000 |
| Non-NBR Tax | 20,000 | 18,000 | 11.11% | 18,000 |
| Non-Tax revenue | 50,000 | 45,000 | 11.11% | 45,000 |
| Total revenue | 5,00,000 | 4,33,000 | 15.47% | 4,33,000 |
| Deficit | 2,61,785 | 2,27,507 | 15.07% | 2,45,064 |



Source: Budget Speech and Ministry of Finance



Budget Structure

Comparison of NBR collection:

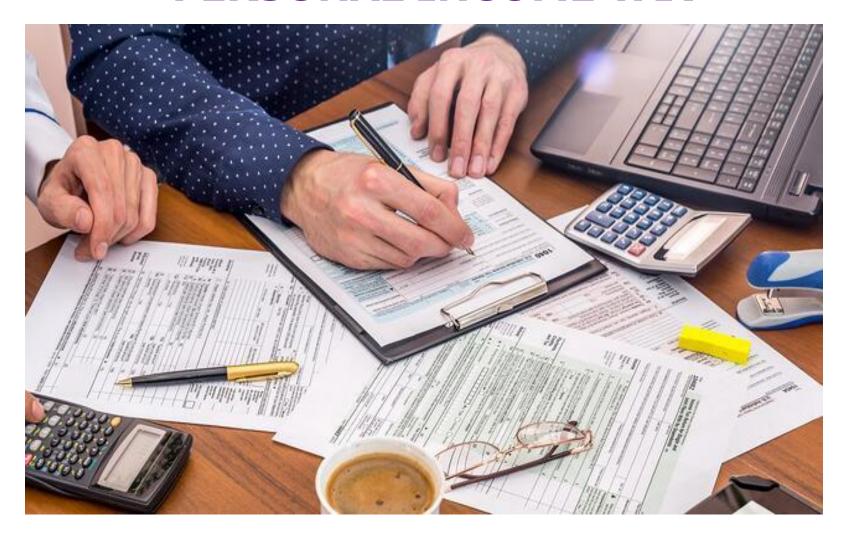
| Particulars | FY 2023-2024 (Target) | FY 2022-2023 (Revised) |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| VAT | 38.1% | 38.2% |
| Import Duty | 10.7% | 11.9% |
| Income Tax | 35.6% | 32.7% |
| Supplementary Duty | 14.1% | 15.8% |
| Others | 1.4% | 1.4% |
| Total | 100% | 100% |

Source: Ministry of Finance





PERSONAL INCOME TAX







Tax free income thresholds of individual (including non-resident Bangladeshi), partnership firm and Hindu undivided family have been increased:

| Tax exempted income for | AY 2022-2023 (BDT) | Proposed for AY 2023-2024 (BDT) | Increased (BDT) |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| General tax payers | 3,00,000 | 3,50,000 | 50,000 |
| Women & Senior Citizen above 65 years age | 3,50,000 | 4,00,000 | 50,000 |
| Physically challenged persons | 4,50,000 | 4,75,000 | 25,000 |
| War-wounded gazette freedom fighters | 4,75,000 | 5,00,000 | 25,000 |
| Third gender tax payers | 3,50,000 | 4,75,000 | 1,25,000 |

The Income tax free threshold for parents or legal guardians of physically challenged child or dependent will be increased by BDT 50,000 for each child/dependent.





Tax rates for individual (including non-resident Bangladeshi), partnership firm and Hindu undivided family:

| AY 2022-2023 | | Proposed for AY 2023-2024 | | |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Level of income | Rates of tax | Level of income | Rates of tax | |
| Up to Tk. 3,00,000 | Nil | Up to Tk. 3,50,000 | Nil | |
| Next Tk. 1,00,000 | 5% | Next Tk. 1,00,000 | 5% | |
| Next Tk. 3,00,000 | 10% | Next Tk. 3,00,000 | 10% | |
| Next Tk. 4,00,000 | 15% | Next Tk. 4,00,000 | 15% | |
| Next Tk. 5,00,000 | 20% | Next Tk. 5,00,000 | 20% | |
| On balance | 25% | On balance | 25% | |

The raised level of tax-free income may result in excess payment of tax through deduction for salaried employees having lower income.

Tax rate for non-resident individual has been proposed to be unchanged:

> 30% (except non-resident Bangladeshi)





Minimum tax payable by individuals:

| Area of residence | Minimum tax (BDT) |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dhaka North City Corporation | 5,000 |
| Dhaka South City Corporation | 5,000 |
| Chattogram City Corporation | 5,000 |
| Any other City Corporation | 4,000 |
| Other area | 3,000 |

Tax payable for individual (including non-resident Bangladeshi), partnership firm and Hindu undivided family whose income is below tax-free limit:

Assessees, who are required to **submit income tax returns** under section 75, have been proposed to pay **Tk. 2,000 as income tax**, irrespective that their income **does not exceed tax free income threshold**.





Net wealth attracting surcharge has been proposed to be increased to Tk. 4 crore:

| AY 2022-2023 | AY 2022-2023 Proposed for AY 2023-2024 | | |
|--|--|--|------|
| Total net wealth | Rate | Total net wealth | Rate |
| Up to Tk. 3 crore | Nil | Up to Tk. 4 crore | Nil |
| Over Tk. 3 crore up to Tk. 10 crore | | Over Tk. 4 crore up to Tk. 10 crore | |
| Assessee having more than 01 motor | | Assessee having more than 01 motor | |
| vehicles in his/her own name or having | 10% | vehicles in his/her own name or having | 10% |
| at least 8,000 square feet of house | | at least 8,000 square feet of house | |
| property in any city corporation area | | property | |
| Over Tk. 10 crore up to Tk. 20 crore | 20% | Over Tk. 10 crore up to Tk. 20 crore | 20% |
| Over Tk. 20 crore up to Tk. 50 crore | 30% | Over Tk. 20 crore up to Tk. 50 crore | 30% |
| Over Tk. 50 crore | 35% | Over Tk. 50 crore | 35% |





CORPORATE INCOME TAX







No change has been proposed in the rates of corporate income tax:

| Description | | sting tax rates for AY 2022-2023 | Proposed tax rates for |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Description | Tax rate | On failure to comply with conditions* | AY 2023- 2024 |
| Publicly traded company that issues shares worth more than 10% of its paid-up capital through Initial Public Offering (IPO) | 20% | 22.5% | Unchanged |
| Publicly traded company that issues shares worth 10% or less than 10% of its paid-up capital through Initial Public Offering (IPO) | 22.5% | 25% | Unchanged |
| Non-publicly traded company | 27.5% | 30% | Unchanged |
| One Person Company (OPC) | 22.5% | 25% | Unchanged |
| Publicly traded bank, insurance and financial institution (except merchant bank) | 37.5% | Condition not applicable | Unchanged |
| Non-publicly traded bank, insurance and financial institution (except merchant bank) | 40% | Condition not applicable | Unchanged |





No change has been proposed in the rates of corporate income tax:

| Doccrintion | | Existing tax rates for AY 2022-2023 | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Description | Tax rate | On failure to comply with conditions* | AY 2023- 2024 |
| Merchant bank | 37.5% | Condition not applicable | Unchanged |
| Company producing all sorts of tobacco items including cigarette, bidi, chewing tobacco and gul | 45% + 2.5% (surcharge) | Condition not applicable | Unchanged |
| Publicly traded mobile operator company (at least 10% share of paid-up capital transferred through stock exchange of which minimum 5% must be through pre-initial public offering) | 40% | Condition not applicable | Unchanged |
| Non-publicly traded mobile operator company | 45% | Condition not applicable | Unchanged |
| Trust, Fund, Association of persons, Artificial juridical person and other taxable entities | 27.5% | 30% | Unchanged |





No change has been proposed in the rates of corporate income tax:

| Description | | sting tax rates for AY 2022-2023 | Proposed tax rates for AY |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • | Tax rate | On failure to comply with conditions* | 2023-2024 |
| Cooperative Society, registered under Cooperative Society Act, 2001 | 15% | Condition not applicable | Unchanged |
| Private university, private medical college, private dental college, private engineering college or private college solely dedicated to imparting education on ICT | 15% | Condition not applicable | Unchanged |

^{*}Condition: All receipts and income must be transacted through **bank transfer** and every single transaction above Tk. 5 lakh and all expenses and investments over Tk. 36 lakh must be made through bank transfer.

| Description | Tax rates |
|---|--------------|
| Subject to compliance with a few conditions, companies engaged in textiles business | 15% |
| Reduced tax on income from export: | |
| (a) Individual, firm and Hindu Undivided Family | 50% exempted |
| (b) Other Tax payers | 12% |
| (c) Other Tax payers with LEED Certified Factory | 10% |





Environmental surcharges proposed on more than one vehicle, to be effective from 01 July 2023:

| SI. | Description of motor vehicle | Rate of environmental surcharge (BDT) for each vehicle | Impact |
|-----|---|--|---|
| 1 | Up to 1500 cc / 75 kW | 25,000 | |
| 2 | More than 1500 cc / 75 kW but up to 2000 cc or 100 kW | 50,000 | Government will earn |
| 3 | More than 2000 cc or 100 kW but up to 2500 cc or 125 kW | 75,000 | more revenue. |
| 4 | More than 2500 cc or 125 kW but up to 3000 cc or 150 kW | 1,50,000 | 1100 00 101011000 1101 |
| 5 | More than 3000 cc or 150 kW but up to 3500 cc or 175 kW | 2,00,000 | be adjusted with any other tax liability. |
| 6 | More than 3500 cc or 175 kW | 3,50,000 | |

Here, motor vehicle excludes bus, minibus, coaster, prime mover, truck, lorry, tank lorry, pick-up van, human hauler, autorickshaw and motor cycle.





| Particulars | Present provision | Proposed amendments | Impact |
|---|---|--------------------------|--|
| Supply of tobacco leaves & tobacco products including cigarettes, bidi, zarda, gul | Rates of TDS are 3%, 5% & 7% based on base amount | TDS will be straight 10% | Increased tax burden on supply of tobacco leaves & products |
| Supply of Extra High Voltage Power Cable 33KV to 500KV by local manufacturers having own Vertical Continuous Vulcanization line | Rates of TDS are 3%, 5% & 7% based on the base amount | TDS will be straight 3% | Tax burden decreased on supply of power cables |





| Particulars | Present provision | Proposed amendments | Impact |
|---|---|--|--|
| Import of Manganese ores/concentrates (HS Code 2602.00.00) | AIT at import stage is 3% | AIT at import stage will be 2% | AIT reduction for Manganese ores/concentrates |
| Other unwrought forms (HS Code 7108.12.00) replaced with Gold dores imported by industrial IRC holder VAT compliant gold refinery (HS Code 7108.12.10) and Other (HS Code 7108.12.90) | AIT at import stage is 5% | AIT at import stage will be 0% | AIT reduction on import of gold dores by Gold Refineries |
| Property transfer | Maximum rate of tax is 4% of deed value or Tk. 10,80,000; whichever is higher | Maximum rate of tax will be 8% of deed value or Tk. 20,00,000; whichever is higher | Increased tax burden on property transfer |





| Particulars | Present provision | Proposed amendments | Impact |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Monthly TDS statements | To be submitted within 20th day of the following month | Requirements for monthly separate TDS statements (including salary), separate yearly statements of | |
| Statements of Dividend and Interest (other than interest from | To be submitted within 31 August each year | dividend and interest (other than interest on securities) will be withdrawn. | Cost of business will be reduced. |
| Securities) Form of Return of Withholding Taxes | To be submitted twice on half yearly basis | These statements will be merged with the monthly return of withholding taxes. | |





| Particulars | Present provision | Proposed amendments | Impact |
|--|--|---|---|
| Valuation of perquisites, certain limits of exemptions of tax concerning house rent allowance, conveyance allowance, medical allowance, free or concessional passage for travel and other benefits under the head salary for employees | There are certain exemptions under the head income from salary | These have been proposed to be deleted from 01 July 2023. | As per the proposed Income Tax Act, 2023, Tk. 4,50,000 or 2/3 rd of the income from salary, whichever is lower, will be exempted from tax. |
| Tax Return Preparer (TRP) | No existing provision | Tax Return Preparer (TRP) Rule has been introduced for the preparation of tax returns of new assessees in exchange of incentive from the NBR. | Facilitating bringing new taxpayers under tax net. |





| Particulars | Present provision | Proposed amendments | Impact |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Interest on foreign loan taken by Government or local authority or for industrial undertaking | Exemption of income tax | Withdrawal of tax exemption | TDS will have to be made on interest on foreign loans. |
| Income of Mutual Fund and Unit Fund of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) | Exemption of income tax | Withdrawal of tax exemption | Return to the unit fund and mutual fund holders of ICB will be decreased. |
| Income of issuer of Mutual Fund | Exemption of income tax | Withdrawal of tax exemption | Return to the mutual fund holders will be decreased. |
| Income of the autonomous bodies (except capital gain) engaged in public services (e.g. WASA, BRTA, BSEC, BTRC, BEZA, BEPZA etc.) | Tax rate is 25% | Tax rate will be 30% | Autonomous bodies will have to pay additional tax (regular rate of tax). |





| Particulars | Present provision | Proposed amendments |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Reduced tax on income from export | (a) Individual, firm and Hindu UndividedFamily- 50% of income exempted;(b) Other Tax payers- 12%;(c) Other Tax payers with LEED CertifiedFactory- 10% | Same benefits exist. However, taxpayer will be ineligible to claim this exemption, if he is eligible to a reduced tax benefit under any other provision or SRO. |





Proposed amendments in Travel Tax Act, 2003:

Scope of travel tax has been proposed to be widened, including domestic travel. A comparison between the current rates and proposed rates of travel tax is given below:

| Mode of travel and destination | Current rate of travel tax (BDT) | Proposed rate of travel tax (BDT) | Impact |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Travelling by air to North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Hong Kong, North Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Taiwan | 4,000 | 6,000 | Cost of 'Travel by air' and |
| Travel by air to SAARC countries | 1,200 | 2,000 | 'Travel to |
| Travel by air to any other country | 3,000 | 4,000 | abroad' |
| Travel by air within Bangladesh | N/A | 200 | will |
| Travel by Road to any country | 500 | 1,000 | increase |
| Travel by waterways to any country' | 800 | 1,000 | |

However, the aforementioned rates of proposed travel tax will be half for travelers from 05 to 12 years of age.





Exemptions of travel tax allowed to:

- ❖ Traveler aged up to 05 years;
- Traveler to Saudi Arabia for the purpose of Hajj;
- Blind or cancer patients or disabled persons using stretchers;
- Officials of United Nations and their family members;
- ❖ Members with diplomatic status of the diplomatic missions in Bangladesh and their family members;
- Employees of World Bank, German Technical Organization, JICA, working in Bangladesh and their family members;
- On duty crew of aircraft;
- ❖ VISA free transit passengers who will not stay in Bangladesh for more than 72 hours;
- ❖ Bangladeshi citizen working in any airline who is travelling abroad at free or concessional fare.



Important changes proposed by the Finance Bill 2023 in the VAT & SD Act, 2012 &

Implications of contemporary VAT SROs & GOs









Section 2 (18Ka)

> Definition of Input

Purchase of vehicles has been excluded from the scope of input.

In the erstwhile provision, input VAT credit was available on purchase of vehicles. Now this benefit has been withdrawn.



Implication

Input Tax credit (2022-23)

Input Tax credit (2023-24)

VAT paid on purchase of vehicle is eligible for credit

VAT paid on purchase of vehicle is **not** eligible for credit





Section 2 (20)

Definition of Output tax

Supplementary duty has been included in the scope of output VAT.

In the erstwhile provision, output tax only meant for VAT payable on supplies and import of service by a registered person. Now supplementary duty applicable on supplies is also to be considered as output tax.



Implication

Output Tax (2022-23)

Output Tax (2023-24)

VAT on import of service and supplies

VAT on import of service and supplies and SD on supplies





Section 2 (29)

Definition of Tax fraction

Tax Fraction means R/(100+R)

Linguistic ambiguity has been removed.

Section 2 (63)

Definition of Representative

VAT consultant has been included in the definition of representative





Section 2 (82)

Definition of Export

Precondition to be defined as 'Export' has been updated. Now, it is mandatory to supply outside Bangladesh in exchange of foreign currency to attract the definition of export.

In the erstwhile provision, to be defined as 'Export', it was not mandatory to supply outside Bangladesh in exchange of foreign currency.



Implication

Export (2022-23)

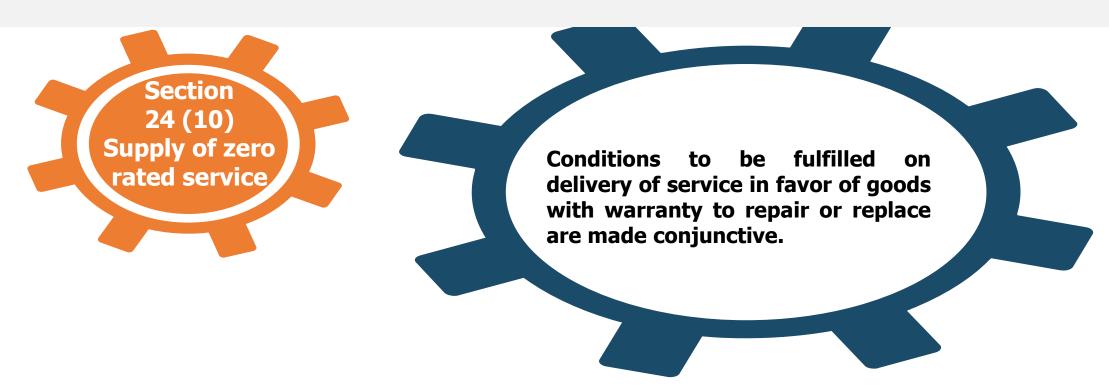
Export (2023-24)

Export means supply outside Bangladesh in exchange of local and foreign currency and deemed export.

Export means supply outside Bangladesh in exchange of foreign currency only and deemed export.









In the erstwhile law, the conditions were disjunctive. Now, both the conditions are to be fulfilled to avail zero rate.





Section 46(1)

Input tax credit

In the case of import of service, separate disclosure of output tax in compliance with Section 20 of the Act has been made mandatory to avail input tax credit on VAT paid for import of service.



Failure to comply with the provision would result in cancellation of input tax credit





Section 46(3) and Rule 13 of VAT and SD Rules, 2016

Input tax credit

In the case of payment of electricity bill, invoice issued by a digital payment gateway service provider in accordance prescribed conditions and manner will be considered as tax invoice.





Implication

Input tax credit can be availed on payment of electricity bill by any payment gateway service provider subject to availability of tax invoice in prescribed manner.







Eligible input tax credit = $I \times T / A$.

T means value of supplies by a registered person that can avail input tax credit in accordance with Section 46.

In the erstwhile law, I meant value of all taxable supplies whether eligible for credit or not.

The proposed phrasing is expected to remove ambiguities, if any, in application of the formula for availing partial input tax credit





Section 69(1)

Refund of negative balance without carrying forward

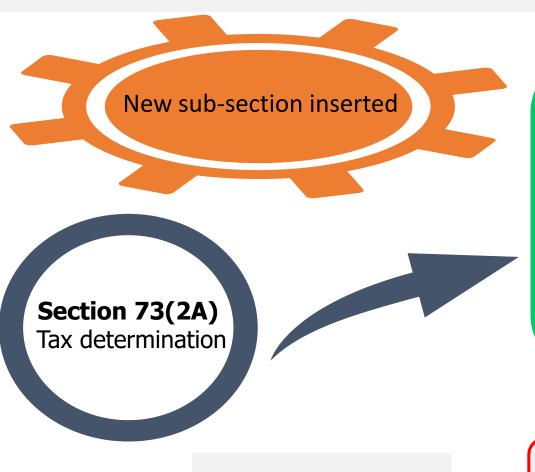


In the case of export of goods, provision has been made to allow cash refund of supplementary duty paid at the time of import of inputs if the supplementary duty so paid is eligible for decreasing adjustment and the exporter does not supply any supplementary duty imposable goods in the local market.

The VAT Commissioner's discretion regarding verification of the nature of economic activities of the taxpayer regarding regular generation of excess input tax credit has been removed.







Provisions have been introduced to include the issue of imposition of penalty under Section 85 of the ACT for failure or irregularity or any element of tax evasion in the primary shoe-cause notice of tax determination. The penalty may be finalized on the basis of such notice along with determination of tax liability under Section 73.



✓ Separate notice for initiating proceedings under Section 73 and Section 85 is no longer required.



Implications of important changes in the VAT & SD Act, 2012 (Cont'd)



Delegation of power for raising VAT demand has been reorganized

Section 86
Financial
limit for
adjudication
by VAT
officers

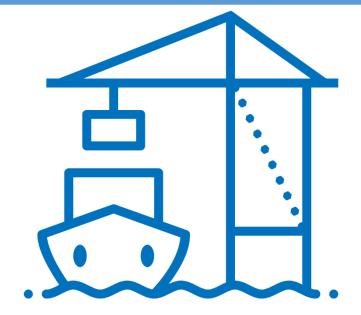
| Officer | Existing monetary limit of VAT officer | Proposed monetary limit of VAT officer | Change |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Commissioner | Exceeding BDT 04 (four) million | Exceeding BDT 10 (ten) million | Additional delegation of power to sub-ordinates |
| Additional Commissioner (ADC) | Not exceeding BDT 04 (four) million | Not exceeding BDT 10 (ten) million | Incremental power to ADC |
| Joint Commissioner (JC) | Not exceeding BDT 03 (three) million | Not exceeding BDT 05 (five) million | Incremental power to JC |
| Deputy Commissioner (DC) | Not exceeding BDT 02 (two) million | Not exceeding BDT 03 (three) million | Incremental power to DC |
| Assistant Commissioner (AC) | Not exceeding BDT 01 (one) million | Not exceeding BDT 02 (two) million | Incremental power to AC |
| Revenue Officer (RO) | Not exceeding BDT 04 (four) hundred thousand | Not exceeding BDT 05 (five) hundred thousand | Incremental power to RO |



Change introduced in the First Schedule of the VAT & SD Act, 2012, Part-2 (List of exempted services)



Stevedoring service was exempt from VAT by the 1st Schedule of the VAT & SD Act, 2012.



The VAT exemption benefit on stevedoring service has been withdrawn.







In some cases supplementary duty has been newly imposed and in some cases increased

| Heading | H.S Code | Description of Goods | Table/ Para | Туре | Stage | Old SD Rate | New SD Rate | Imposed/ Increased |
|---------|--|--|----------------|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 28.08 | All HS Code | Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants ,otherwise prepared or preserved ,whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included | Table-1 | Goods | Import | 0% | 20% | Imposed |
| 24.04 | All HS Code | Products containing tobacco, reconstituted tobacco, nicotine, or tobacco or nicotine substitutes, intended for inhalation without combustion; other nicotine containing products intended for the intake of nicotine into the human body | Table-1 | Goods | Import | 100% | 150% | Increased |
| 48.13 | 4813.10.90 4813.20.90 4813.90.90 | Cigarette paper other importer | Table-1 | Goods | Import | 100% | 150% | Increased |





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| Heading | H.S Code | Description of Goods | Table/ Para | Туре | Stage | Old SD Rate | New SD Rate | Introduced /Increased |
|------------------|--|---|----------------|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|--|
| 85.16 | 8516.50.00 | Microwave Ovens | Table-1 | Goods | Import | 0% | 20% | Imposed |
| 85.43 | 8543.90.10 | Parts of electronic cigarettes and similar personal electric vaporising devices | Table-1 | Goods | Import | 0% | 100% | Imposed |
| 85.44 | 8544.70.00 | Optical fibre cables | Table-1 | Goods | Import | 0% | 10% | Imposed |
| 73.07 | 7307.11.00 7307.19.00 7307.99.90 | GI Fittings | Table-1 | Goods | Import | 0% | 20% | Imposed |
| 32.08 – 32.10 | Related HS Code | Paint (Primers) | Table-2 | Goods | Supply | 5% | 5% | SD is imposed on primer in addition to paint |





In some cases reduced VAT rates have been newly introduced, reorganized, increased and decreased

| Heading | H.S Code | Description of Goods | Table/ Para | Old rate | New rate | Introduced/ Increased |
|---------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------|----------|---|
| | | Hand made biscuits (Per Kg exceeding price of BDT 150) | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | × | Structure for |
| 19.05 | Concerned | Hand made biscuits (Per Kg exceeding price of BDT 200) | Table-1, Para-A | × | 5% | imposing reduced VAT rates has been restructured |
| 13103 | H.S. Code | Cake (Per Kg exceeding price of BDT 250) | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | × | |
| | | Cake (Per Kg exceeding price of BDT 300) | Table-1, Pare-A | × | 5% | |
| | | All types of tableware, kitchenware, | | 5% | × | |
| 39 24 | Concerned H.S. Code | household appliances, Hygienic and toilet articles including any similar products made of plastic (except tiffin boxes and water bottles) | Table-2, Para-1 | × | 7.5% | VAT rate is increased from 5% to 7.5% |





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| Heading | H.S Code | Description of Goods | Table/ Para | Old rate | New rate | Introduced/ Increased |
|---------|------------|--|-----------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| | | i Vitaban tawal (24.26 CCM) | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | × | |
| | | i. Kitchen towel (24-26 GSM) | Table-2, Para-A | X | 7.5% | |
| | | ii. Toilet tissue (18-24 GSM) iii. Napkin tissue (20-24 GSM) i.S. Code iv. Facial tissue/ pocket tissue (12-16 GSM) | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | × | VAT rate is increased from 5% to 7.5% |
| | | | Table-2, Para-A | × | 7.5% | |
| | | | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | | |
| 48.18 | | | Table-2, Para-A | × | 7.5% | |
| 10.10 | Ti.S. Code | | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | × | |
| | | | Table-2, Para-A | × | 7.5% | |
| | | v. Hand towal/paper towal/clinical had shoot | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | × | |
| | | v. Hand towel/paper towel/clinical bed sheet | Table-2, Para-A | × | 7.5% | |





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| Heading | H.S Code | Description of Goods | Table/ Para | Old rate | New rate | Introduced/Increased/ Decreased | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----|---|-------------------------------|
| 54.02 – 54.10 55.12 – 55.16 | Related HS Code | Products made with artificial fibers | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | 5% | Restriction on availability of reduced rate on some fabrics made of artificial fiber has been removed | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Aluminum, kitchen made out of | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | × | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 76.15 | Related H.S. Code | aluminum or other household | Table-2, Pare-A | × | 7.5% | VAT rate is increased from 5% to 7.5% | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 00.04 | Related H.S. Code | Related | Related | Related | Related | Related | Related | Related | Related | Related | Related | Related | Sunglasses (Plastic framed) | Table-1, Para-A | 5% | × | VAT rate is increased from 5% |
| 90.04 | | Sunglasses (Metal framed) | Table-2, Para-A | × | 7.5% | to 7.5% | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S022.00 | S022.00 | Sweet shop | Table-2, Para-B | - | 7.5% | VAT rate is reduced from 15% to 7.5% | | | | | | | | | | | |







According to Section 4(1) read with the declaration contained in the Seventh Schedule of the Finance Bill, 2023, changes in the First, Second and Third Schedules of the VAT & SD Act, 2012 will have immediate effect.



Implications of important changes introduced in the VAT & SD Rules, 2016



Changing business address

Replacing the sub-clause (a) of clause (ka) of Rule: 13 (2)

Erstwhile

All dues, if any, are to be informed to the applicant after determination.

Present

Updated information of already prevailing VAT dues, if any, are to be informed to the applicant.



Implication

- ✓ Easing the process of changing business address; and
- ✓ Tax officials are not required to audit and determine VAT liability of the taxpayer before allowing approval to changed business address.



Implications of important changes in the VAT & SD Rules, 2016



Rule 29

Adjustment for not making payment through banking channel

Payment through mobile banking system has also been allowed as a legitimate way of payment. Hence, no increasing adjustment is to be done for payment through mobile banking system



Clarification to resolve field level disputes regarding payment through banking channel.



Implications of important changes introduced in the VAT & SD Rules, 2016



Adjustment of supplementary duty in the case of export (Rule: 45)

Change

- Now, there is no need to attach Proceed Realization Certificate (PRC) for the purpose of filing application to the Commissioner to avail decreasing adjustment.
- However, PRC is required to be submitted at the time of allowing approval by the Commissioner.
- The Commissioner shall give a decision within 15 days of application or within 15 days of submission of PRC.

Implication

- ✓ PRC may not be available at the time of filing application. Now it can be submitted at the time of verification of the application for refund;
- ✓ This would ease the process of getting approval of decreasing adjustment for supplementary duty paid on inputs used against exported goods.



Implications of important changes in the VAT & SD Rules, 2016



Amendment of return (Rule: 49(1)(ka))



Change

Implication

Return cannot be amended for any reason other than mathematical or clerical error e.g. scope of submission of amended return for failure to claim input tax credit or decreasing adjustment within the specified time period has been restricted.

Input tax credit or decreasing adjustment is to be availed within the specified time period. Otherwise, it will lapse



Implications of important changes in the VAT & SD Rules, 2016



Seizure of records, documents, goods or goods carrying vehicle (Rule: 61)

Erstwhile Present Primary report submission 3 days 5 days Primary and final reports are to be Commissioner or the **Commissioner** submitted to **Director General** Time extension for submission of final **New provision of Additional 30 days** the law report to the Commissioner/DG



Implication

- ✓ VAT authorities will have extended time for submission of final report;
- ✓ The quality of reports will increase and scope of dispute will decrease.



Implications of important changes in the VAT & SD Rules, 2016



Method of determination of tax and imposition of penalty (Rule: 65)

- The proceedings for determination of tax u/s 73 of the Act and imposition of penalty u/s 85 of the Act can be started concurrently.
- For failures and non-compliances not specified in Section 85, a VAT officer having designation not less than Assistant Commissioner shall issue a show cause notice and in this case penalty shall be a minimum BDT 10,000 and a maximum BDT 100,000.
- A notice in Mushak 12.12 following provision of Section 73(2) of the VAT & SD Act, 2012 can be issued requiring additional information.
- Final order for tax determination and imposition of penalty will be issued in Mushak 12.13 following provision of Section 73(2) of the VAT & SD Act, 2012.
- If no reply is received against show cause notice, a relevant officer shall determine and impose a penalty based on collected documents.



- ✓ Authority does not need to wait for the result u/s 73 to start proceedings u/s 85 for imposing penalties for failure to compliance with the law; and
- ✓ The complication and time to determine tax and penalty is reduced.



New VAT exemption at various stages (SRO No. 136-AIN/2023/213-VAT dated 21 May 2023)



| Heading No | HS Code | Description of goods/services | Stage |
|------------|------------|---|--------------|
| 27.09 | 2709.00.00 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude. | |
| | 2710.12.11 | Motor spirit of H.B.O.C Type | |
| | 2710.12.19 | Other motor spirits, including aviation spirit | |
| | 2710.12.20 | Spirit type jet fuel | |
| | 2710.12.31 | White spirit | |
| | 2710.12.32 | Naphtha | _ |
| 27.10 | 2710.12.41 | J.P.1 kerosene type jet fuels | Import stage |
| 27.10 | 2710.12.42 | J.P.4 kerosene type jet fuels | |
| | 2710.12.43 | Other kerosene type jet fuels | |
| | 2710.12.49 | Other kerosene | |
| | 2710.12.61 | Light diesel oils | |
| | 2710.12.62 | High speed diesel oils | |
| | 2710.19.11 | Furnace oils | |

New VAT exemption at various stages (SRO No. 136-AIN/2023/213-VAT dated 21 May 2023)



| Heading No | HS Code | Description of goods/services | Stage |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 34.02 | 3402.42.10 | Alcohol Ethoxylates (AEO) imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate (SLES) manufacturing industries | |
| 38.17 | 3817.00.10 | Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant LABSA manufacturing industries | Import stage |
| 84.11 | 8411.11.00 | Turbo-jets Of a thrust not exceeding 25 kN | |
| 04.11 | 8411.12.00 | Turbo-jets Of a thrust exceeding 25 kN | |
| 86.09 | 8609.00.10 | Insulated or refer container | |
| 80.09 | 8609.00.90 | Other container | |
| 23.06 | 2306.50.00 | Coconut/Copra Waste | |
| 54.02 - 54.10 55.12 - 55.16 | Related HS Code | Products made with artificial fibers - a. Cut and wasted pieces of fabric (not more than one meter) b. Fabric supplied to Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution as free sample (not more than three square meters) c. Taps and Braids | Production stage |



Exclusion from VAT exemption at various stages (SRO No. 136-AIN/2023/213-VAT dated 21 May 2023)



| Heading No | HS Code | Description of goods/services | Stage |
|------------|-------------|---|-----------------------|
| 08.01 | 0801.31.90 | Other cashew nuts shelled | |
| 27.12 | 2713.20.10 | Petroleum Bitumen In Drum | |
| 27.13 | 2713.20.90 | Petroleum Bitumen In Bulk | |
| | 8523.29.12 | Database; operating systems; development tool productivity, | Import stage |
| 85.23 | 8523.49.21 | communication or collaboration software for automatic data processing | |
| | 8523.80.10 | machines | |
| 00.04 | 0804.10.19 | Dates fresh or dried (up to 2 Flor except packaged or cannod) | Import and production |
| 08.04 | 0804.10.29 | Dates fresh or dried (up to 2.5kg except packaged or canned) | stage |
| 96.08 | 9608.10.00 | Ballpoint pen | Duaduation stars |
| 85.23 | All HS Code | Software | Production stage |

According to SRO No 154-Ain/2023/231-VAT dated 21 May 2023, the VAT rate on software at production stage is 5% and software customization at service stage is also 5%.



Changes in the scope and definition of Services

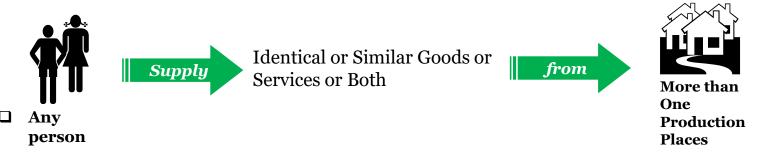


| Service Code | Service Category | Changes | Implications | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| S099.60 | Sale of goods | Online sale of goods" means an online retail sale or marketplace, where - | Bifurcation and further clarification of | | | | |
| | online | | | | | | |
| | | (2) 'Marketplace' means a digital commerce platform in which information relating to goods or services is posted by one or more sellers and supplied through the said platform, i.e., in this case, the platform operator would not buy or sell any goods and will not have any sales center. | | | | | |
| SRO No 14 | SRO No 143-Ain/2023/220-VAT dated 21 May 2023 | | | | | | |

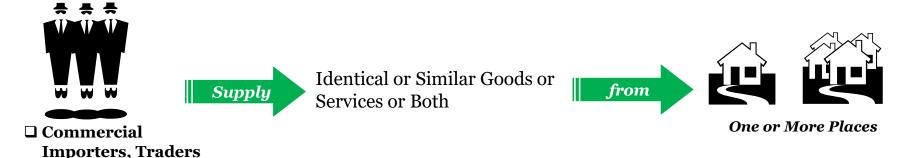


Amendment in the Central Registration and Payment of Tax Rules 2019





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Central
Registration
should be
obtained in
the address
of the place
where
accounts are
maintained
centrally

SRO No. 145-AIN/2023/222-VAT dated 21 May 2023

or Service Renderers



Amendment in the Central Registration and Payment of Tax Rules 2019



Payment of tax under central registration where goods is exempt at manufacturing stage but not at trading stage

In case central registration is obtained in the name of a production unit and self owned and controlled sales center, or depo or warehouse are registered centrally and the registered production unit(s) produces any goods exempt from VAT at production stage but not at trading stage, in that case VAT shall be payable at trading stage at the time of delivery of goods from self owned and controlled sales center.



VAT exemption facility for Mobile Phone manufacturing industry has been revised



VAT @ 2% is imposed on production of mobile phone subject to fulfillment of conditions mentioned in table-1 of SRO No 229-Ain/2019/65-VAT dated 30 June 2019.

VAT rate is increased from 3% to 5% for assembly of mobile phone. Availability of the new rate is subject to fulfillment of the conditions mentioned in table-2 of SRO No 229-Ain/2019/65-VAT dated 30 June 2019.

VAT rate is increased from 5% to 7.5% for assembly of mobile phone. This scheme is applicable for the assemblers who will be able to fulfill the conditions mentioned in table-3 of SRO No 229-Ain/2019/65-VAT dated 30 June 2019.

SRO No 147-Ain/2023/224-VAT dated 21 May 2023



The timeline of VAT exemption on production of LPG Cylinder has been extended for one year



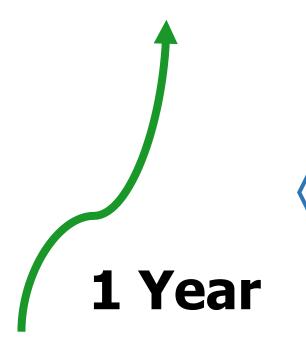
Heading No

Product

73.11

LPG Cylinder The timeline for VAT exemption benefit on production of LPG Cylinder is extended for one year. Previously the exemption was for VAT payable exceeding 5%.





However, the exemption benefit is now for VAT payable exceeding 7.5%. VAT has thus been increased by 2.5% at the manufacturing stage



The timeline of VAT exemption on polypropylene staple fiber at manufacturing stage has been extended for one year

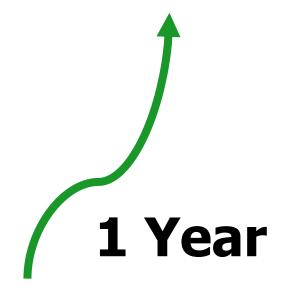


| No No | Product |
|-------|----------------------------|
| 53.03 | Polypropylene staple fiber |

The timeline for VAT exemption benefit on polypropylene staple fiber is extended:

The time period of VAT exemption (VAT exceeding **5%** at manufacturing stage) has been extended for **one year** for polypropylene staple fiber





Previously, VAT on polypropylene staple fiber at manufacturing stage was fully exempt



The timeline of VAT exemption on procurement of raw materials/spare parts and manufacturing of some goods has been extended



| SL No. | Description of goods | Previous exemption period | Extended exemption period | Period extended | SRO No |
|--------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 01 | Raw material for Sanitary Napkin, Diaper | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2024 | One year | SRO No 146-Ain/2023/223- VAT dated 21 May 2023 |
| 02 | Washing Machines, Microwave, and Electronic Oven | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2025 | Two year | SRO No 149-Ain/2023/226- VAT dated 21 May 2023 |
| 03 | Blender, Juicer, Mixer, Grinder, Multi Cooker, and Rice Cooker | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2025 | Two year | SRO No 150-Ain/2023/227- VAT dated 21 May 2023 |
| 04 | Computer and Computer Accessories | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2026 | Three year | SRO No 151-Ain/2023/228- VAT dated 21 May 2023 |
| 05 | Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulfuric Acid (LABSA), Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulfate (SLES) | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2024 | One year | SRO No 153-Ain/2023/230- VAT dated 21 May 2023 |
| 06 | Refrigerator and freezer | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2024 | One year | SRO No 137-Ain/2023/214- VAT dated 21 May 2023 |



Exemption from Advance Tax (AT) at import stage



| H.S. Code | Descriptions of goods | Old rate | New rate |
|------------|---|----------|----------|
| 2709.00.00 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude. | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.11 | Motor spirit of H.B.O.C Type | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.19 | Other motor spirits, including aviation spirit | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.20 | Spirit type jet fuel | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.31 | White spirit | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.32 | Naphtha | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.41 | J.P.1 kerosene type jet fuels | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.42 | J.P.4 kerosene type jet fuels | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.43 | Other kerosene type jet fuels | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.49 | Other kerosene | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.12.61 | Light diesel oils | 5% | 0% |

SRO No 152-Ain/2023/229-VAT 21 May 2023 and other related SROs



Exemption of Advance Tax (AT) at import stage



| H.S. Code | Descriptions of goods | Old rate | New rate |
|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 2710.12.62 | High speed diesel oils | 5% | 0% |
| 2710.19.11 | Furnace oils | 5% | 0% |
| 8609.00.10 | Insulated or refer container | 5% | 0% |
| 8609.00.90 | Other container | 5% | 0% |

SRO No 152-Ain/2023/229-VAT 21 May 2023 and other related SROs



Exemption from imposition of Advance Tax (AT) at import stage on certain items has been cancelled



| H.S. Code | Descriptions of goods | Old rate | New rate |
|------------|--|----------|----------|
| 3824.99.92 | Master batch not containing pigments | 0% | 5% |
| 8503.00.91 | Stator with winding wire | 0% | 5% |
| 8503.00.92 | Stator without winding wire | 0% | 5% |
| 8503.00.99 | Other | 0% | 5% |
| 8543.90.10 | Electronic Cigarettes And Similar Personal electric vaporizing devices | 0% | 5% |



Newly introduced VAT exemption facility at import stage



| S.R.O | Stage | H.S. Code | Descriptions of goods | Benefit |
|---------------------------------|--------|------------|---|------------------------------|
| | | 2905.31.10 | Ethylene glycol (ethanediol) imported by industrial IRC holder VAT compliant PET chips manufacturing industry. | |
| | | 2917.36.10 | Terephthalic acid imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant PET chips manufacturing industry. | VAT in |
| SRO No 156- Law/2023- | Import | 7219.11.10 | Hot-rolled, in coils of a thickness exceeding 10 mm imported by industrial IRC holder Vat compliant cold rolled stainless steel in coils manufacturing industry. | excess of 5% shall be exempt |
| 233-VAT dated 21 May 2023 | | 7219.12.10 | Hot-rolled, in coils of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm imported by industrial IRC holder Vat compliant cold rolled stainless steel in coils manufacturing industry. | |
| | | 7219.13.10 | Hot-rolled, in coils of a thickness of 3 mm or more but less than 4.75 mm imported by industrial IRC holder Vat compliant cold rolled stainless steel in coils manufacturing industry. | |
| | | 7219.14.10 | Hot-rolled, in coils of a thickness of less than 3 mm imported by industrial IRC holder Vat compliant cold rolled stainless steel in coils manufacturing industry. | |

Newly introduced VAT exemption at manufacturing stage



| S.R.O No. | Stage | H.S. Code | Description | Benefit |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| SRO NO 155- Law/2023-232- VAT dated 21 May 2023 | Manufacturing | 8544.70.00 | Optical Fiber | VAT in excess of 5% shall be exempt |





Increase in Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of packets of cigarettes containing ten sticks and change in SD rate



| Previous MRP | New MRP | Previous SD rate | New SD rate | Change |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| BDT 40 and beyond | BDT 45 and beyond | 57% | 58% | Change in MRP and SD rate |
| BDT 65 and beyond | BDT 67 and beyond | 65% | 65% | Change in MRP only |
| BDT 111 and beyond | BDT 113 and beyond | 65% | 65% | Change in MRP only |
| BDT 142 and beyond | BDT 150 and beyond | 65% | 65% | Change in MRP only |

SRO No 141-Act/2020/218-Mushak dated 21 May 2023 Cigarette
manufacturers will not
be allowed to fix a
price beyond that
fixed by this SRO



Mandatory VAT registration irrespective of turnover





Any super shop or shopping mall irrespective of their location across the country



Any institution located in any district town or city corporation area engaged in the trading of goods mentioned in Table 03 of GO no-17/VAT/2019 dated 17 July 2019

General Order No 02/VAT/2023 dated 21 May 2023

| Manufacturers of the following goods | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|
| Heading No. | Heading No. HS code Description of Goods | | | |
| 73.21 | Applicable H. S. code | Cooking Appliances | | |
| 73.23 | Applicable H. S. code | Kitchen Appliances | | |



Amendment to the Guidelines for contract manufacturers



Contract Manufacturer

If a contract manufacturer produced goods by using inputs owned by him, he is required to issue Mushak-4.3 (i.e. input-output coefficient) to the VAT Divisional Officer concerned before manufacturing or supplying the goods to the brand owner.

If a contract manufacturer produced goods by using inputs provided by the brand owner, he is also required to issue Mushak-4.3 (i.e. input-output coefficient) to the VAT Divisional Officer concerned. In this case, the contract manufacturer has to mention the consideration receivable for each unit of production in the coefficient.

General Order No-03/VAT/2023 dated 21 May 2023)



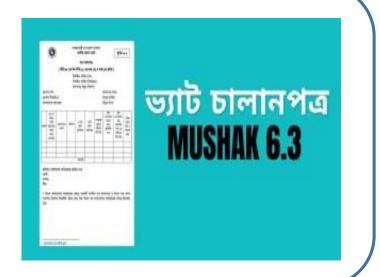
The electricity bill issued by the MFS or Digital Payment Gateway Services providers shall be considered as Mushak-6.3







Invoice issued by Mobile Financial Service and Digital Payment Gateway Service providers for payment of electricity bill shall be considered as Mushak 6.3/Tax invoice.



GO No. 04/VAT/2023 dated 21 May 2023





CUSTOMS







Amendment in sections for ease of operation:

- ❖ Definition of "bill of entry" now includes "Ex-bond bill of entry" [Section 2].
- ❖ For the clearance of home consumption goods, submission of ex-bond bill of entry has been made mandatory [Section 104].
- ❖ A register shall be kept for all bonds entered into for Customs-duties on warehoused goods. Details of goods purchased from local market or imported has to be registered mandatorily by the owner of a warehouse bonded warehouse or a special bonded warehouse [Section 114].
- ❖ Additional District Judge will be member. Earlier it was District Judge [Section 194].





Goods on which the import duty (CD) has been increased:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|------------|------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 | 0801.32.90 | Cashew nuts: Shelled Other | 5% | 15% |
| 2 | 0804.10.11 | Fresh Dates: Wrapped/canned upto 2.5 kg | 0% | 25% |
| 3 | 0804.10.19 | Fresh Dates: Other | 0% | 25% |
| 4 | 8543.90.10 | Electric Cigarattes and similar personal electric vaporising devices | 5% | 25% |
| 5 | 3920.20.20 | Non-printed cast polypropylene film | 10% | 15% |
| 6 | 3920.20.90 | Other | 10% | 15% |
| 7 | 6805.10.00 | Natural or artificial abrasive powder or grain, on a base of textile material | 10% | 15% |
| 8 | 6805.20.00 | Natural or artificial abrasive powder or grain, on a base of paper, of paperboard | 10% | 15% |
| 9 | 6805.30.00 | Natural or artificial abrasive powder or grain, on a base of other materials | 10% | 15% |
| 10 | 8428.10.00 | Lifts and skip hoists | 5% | 15% |
| 11 | 8428.40.00 | Escalators and moving walkways | 1% | 15% |
| 12 | 8503.00.91 | Electric motor parts with winding wire | 1% | 15% |



Goods on which the import duty (CD) has been increased:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|------------|------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 13 | 8523.29.12 | Database; operating systems; development tools; security software used for only data or information protection; word processing, spreadsheet, internet collaboration and presentation tools | | 25% |
| 14 | 8523.49.21 | Database; operating systems; development tools; security software used for only data or information protection; word processing, spreadsheet, internet collaboration and presentation tools | 5% | 25% |
| 15 | 8523.51.21 | Database; operating systems; development tools; security software used for only data or information protection; word processing, spreadsheet, internet collaboration and presentation tools | | 25% |





Goods on which the import duty (CD) has been increased:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|------------|------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 16 | 8523.80.10 | Database; operating systems; development tools; security software used for only data or information protection; word processing, spreadsheet, internet | 5% | 25% |
| 17 | 8537.10.20 | Electric panel | 1% | 10% |
| 18 | 8609.00.10 | Insulated or refer container | 5% | 15% |
| 19 | 8609.00.90 | Other container | 10% | 15% |
| 20 | 8714.93.11 | Free-wheel sprocket-wheels of bicycle | 10% | 15% |
| 21 | 8714.93.19 | Other | 10% | 15% |
| 22 | 9003.90.00 | Parts | 5% | 25% |
| 23 | 9406.90.10 | Sandwich panel with or without cold room facility | 1% | 5% |





Goods on which the import duty (CD) decreased:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 | 0801.32.90 | Cashew nuts: Shelled Other | 5% | 15% |





Goods on which VAT levied:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 | 0801.32.90 | Cashew nuts: Shelled Other | 0% | 15% |
| 2 | 0804.10.19 | Fresh Dates: Other | 0% | 15% |
| 3 | 0804.10.29 | Dried Dates: Other | 0% | 15% |
| 4 | 1006.30.91 | Non fortified Basmoti rice | 0% | 15% |
| 5 | 3824.99.92 | Master batch not containing pigments | 0% | 15% |
| 6 | 8428.40.00 | Escalators and moving walkways | 0% | 15% |





Goods on which VAT levied:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 7 | 8503.00.91 | Stator with winding wire | 0% | 15% |
| 8 | 8503.00.92 | Stator without winding wire | 0% | 15% |
| 9 | 8523.29.12 | Database; operating systems; development tools; security software used for only data or information protection; word processing, spreadsheet, internet collaboration and presentation tools. | 0% | 15% |
| 10 | 8523.49.21 | Database; operating systems; development tools; security software used for only data or information protection; word processing, spreadsheet, internet collaboration and presentation tools | 0% | 15% |





Goods on which VAT levied:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 11 | 8523.80.10 | Database; operating systems; development tools; security software used for only data or information protection; word processing, spreadsheet, internet collaboration and presentation tools | 0% | 15% |
| 12 | 8537.10.20 | Electric panel | 0% | 15% |
| 13 | 9406.90.10 | Sandwich panel with or without cold room facility | 0% | 15% |





Goods on which Supplementary Duty has been levied/reduced/increased/withdrawn:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 | 20.08 (All H.S. Codes) | Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included. | 0% | 20% |
| 2 | 24.04 (All H.S. Codes) | Products containing tobacco, reconstituted tobacco, nicotine, or tobacco or nicotine substitutes, intended for inhalation without combustion; other nicotine containing products intended for the intake of nicotine into the human body. | 0%, 100% | 150% |





Goods on which <u>Supplementary Duty</u> has been levied/reduced/increased/withdrawn:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 3 | 4813.10.90 | Cigarette paper Other importer | 100% | 150% |
| 4 | 4813.20.90 | Cigarette paper Other importer | 100% | 150% |
| 5 | 4813.90.90 | Cigarette paper Other importer | 100% | 150% |
| 6 | 8543.90.10 | Parts of Electric Cigarattes and similar personal electric vaporising devices | 0% | 100% |
| 7 | 8516.50.00 | Microwave ovens | 0% | 20% |





Products on which Regulatory Duty has been imposed or reduced/increased:

| SI. No. | Heading | H.S. Code | | RD Rate | RD Rate |
|------------|---------|----------------|---|------------|---------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| 1 | 24.04 | All H.S. Codes | Products containing tobacco, reconstituted tobacco, nicotine, or tobacco or nicotine substitutes, intended for inhalation without combustion; other nicotine containing products intended for the intake of nicotine into the human body. | 100% | 150% |





Products on which Regulatory Duty has been imposed or reduced/increased:

| SI. No. | Heading | H.S. Code | | RD Rate | RD Rate |
|------------|---------|----------------|---|------------|------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| 2 | 34.01 | All H.S. Codes | Soap; organic surface-active products and preparations for use as soap, in the form of bars, cakes, moulded pieces or shapes, whether or not containing soap; organic surface-active products and preparations for washing the skin, in the from of liquid or cream and put up for retail sale, whether or not containing soap; paper wadding, felt and nonwovens, impregnated, coated or covered with soap or detergent. | 3% | 20% |
| 3 | 35.06 | 3506.91.10 | Elastic/construction glue imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant hygienic products manufacturing industry. | 3% | 15% |
| 4 | 35.06 | 3506.91.10 | other | 3% | 15% |





Goods on which are exempted from VAT at the import stage:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 | 8411.11.00 | Turbo-jets Of a thrust not exceeding 25 kN | 15% | 0% |
| 2 | 8411.12.00 | Turbo-jets Of a thrust exceeding 25 kN | 15% | 0% |
| 3 | | Insulated or refer container | 15% | 0% |
| 4 | 8609.00.90 | Other container | 15% | 0% |





VAT has been reduced at the import level of the goods:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 | 2905.31.10 | Ethylene glycol (ethanediol) imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant PET chips manufacturing industry | 15% | 5% |
| 2 | 2917.36.10 | Terephthalic acid imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant PET chips manufacturing industry | 15% | 5% |
| 3 | 7219.11.10 | Hot-rolled, in coils Of a thickness exceeding 10 mm imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant cold rolled stainless steel in coils manufacturing industry | 15% | 5% |





VAT has been reduced at the import level of the goods:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|------------|------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 4 | 7219.12.10 | Hot-rolled, in coils Of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant cold rolled stainless steel in coils manufacturing industry. | 15% | 5% |
| 5 | /219.13.10 | Hot-rolled, in coils Of a thickness of 3 mm or more but less than 4.75 mm imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant cold rolled stainless steel in coils manufacturing industry. | 15% | 5% |





VAT has been reduced at the import level of the goods:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|------------|-----------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 6 | | Hot-rolled, in coils Of a thickness of less than 3 mm imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant cold rolled stainless steel in coils manufacturing industry | T J / U | 5% |





Products for which AT is exempted at import level:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Existing Rate (%) | Proposed Rate (%) |
|---------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 | 8609.00.10 | Insulated or refer container | 5% | 0% |
| 2 | 8609.00.90 | Other container | 5% | 0% |





Products on which AT is levied at the import stage:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description |
|------------|------------|--|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| 1 | 3824.99.92 | Master batch not containing pigments |
| 2 | 8503.00.91 | Stator with winding wire |
| 3 | 8503.00.92 | Stator without winding wire |
| 4 | 8503.00.99 | Other |
| 5 | 8543.90.10 | Electronic Cigarattes and similar personal electric vaporising devices |





HS Code/Description of materials for which amendment has been made:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Heading as per BCT (Revised) | Description as per BCT (Revised) |
|---------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1. | 8403.90.00 | Infra-red flame detector | 8531.80.00 | Infra-red flame detector |
| 2. | 8403.90.00 | Ultra violet flame detector | 8531.80.00 | Ultra violet flame detector |
| 3. | 8443.99.90 | Squeegee | 9603.90.00 | Squeegee |
| 4. | 8448.20.90 | Flap Control | 8537.10.90 & 8537.20.90 | Flap Control |
| 5. | 8448.20.90 | Light Barrier | 8538.90.90 | Light Barrier |





HS Code/Description of materials for which amendment has been made:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Description | Heading as per BCT (Revised) | Description as per BCT (Revised) |
|---------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 6. | 8448.39.00 | Absolut-Encoder | 8543.70.90 | Absolut-Encoder |
| 7. | 8448.39.00 | Control Level | 9032.89.00 | Control Level |
| 8. | 8448.39.00 | Detector | 8543.70.90 | Detector |
| 9. | 8448.39.00 | Drive Unit | 8543.70.90 | Drive Unit |
| 10. | 8448.39.00 | Photo Cell | 8541.49.00 | Photo Cell |
| 11. | 8448.49.00 | Sensor | 9026.80.00 | Sensor |
| 12. | 8448.59.00 | Photo Sensor Circuit | 8542.39.90 | Photo Sensor Circuit |
| 13. | 8451.90.00 | Encoder | 8543.70.90 | Encoder |





Change/amendment of description of HS codes:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Existing Description | Changed Description |
|---------|-----------|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1 | 4202.1 | Travelling-bags, insulated food or beverages bags, toilet bags, rucksacks, handbags, shopping bags, wallets, purses, map-cases, cigarette-cases, tobacco-pouches, tool bags, sports bags, bottle-cases, jewellery boxes, powder-boxes, cutlery cases and similar containers, of leather or of composition leather, of sheeting of plastics, of textile materials, of vulcanised fibre or of paperboard or wholly or mainly covered with such materials or with paper: | Trunks, suit-cases, vanity-cases, executive-cases, brief-cases, school satchels and similar containers: |





Change/amendment of description of HS codes:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Existing Description | Changed Description |
|---------|------------|--|--|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 2 | 4811.90.11 | Imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant Ceramic/Melamine/ Transfers (decalcomania) manufacturing industry. | Imported by Industrial I RC holder VAT compliant Ceramic/Melamine/ Transfers (decalcomania)/ Opal glassware manufacturing industry |
| 3 | 4908.10.10 | Transfers (decalcomanias) imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant ceramic or melamine Industry | Transfers (decalcomanias) imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant ceramic or melamine or Opal glassware Industry |





Change/amendment of description of HS codes:

| SI. No. | H.S. Code | Existing Description | Changed Description |
|---------|------------|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 4 | 7606.11.10 | Imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant LED Lamp or electric fan manufacturing Industry | Imported by Industrial IRC holder VAT compliant electric fan manufacturing industry |
| 5 | 8437.80.10 | Rice huller and wheat crusher | Rice huller and Rice/wheat crusher |





All the H.S. Codes that have been split:

| SI. No. | Existing H.S. Code | Splited H.S. Code | Description |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1. | 8503.00.90 | 8503.00.91 | Stator with winding wire |
| | | 8503.00.92 | Stator without winding wire |
| | | 8503.00.99 | Other |
| 2. | 8543.90.00 | 8543.90.10 | Electric Cigarattes and similar personal electric vaporising devices |
| | | 8543.90.90 | Other |
| 3. | 8714.93.10 | 8714.93.11 | Free wheel sprocket wheels of bicycle |
| | | 8714.93.19 | Other |





All H.S. Codes that have been merged:

| SI. No. | Existing H.S. Code | Merge H.S. Code |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| 1. | 3903.30.10 | 3903.30.00 |
| | 3903.30.90 | |
| 2. | 3907.40.10 | 3907.40.00 |
| | 3907.40.90 | |
| 3. | 3907.99.10 | 3907.99.00 |
| | 3907.99.90 | |
| 4. | 7601.20.10 | 7601.20.00 |
| | 7601.20.90 | |
| 5. | 7606.92.10 | 7606.92.00 |
| | 7606.92.90 | |





All H.S. Codes that have been merged:

| Existing H.S. Code | Merge H.S. Code |
|--------------------|--|
| (2) | (3) |
| 8539.90.31 | 8539.90.30 |
| 8539.90.39 | |
| 9405.91.10 | 9405.91.00 |
| 9405.91.90 | |
| 9405.92.10 | 9405.92.00 |
| 9405.92.90 | |
| 9405.99.10 | 9405.99.00 |
| 9405.99.90 | 5 100 100 |
| | (2) 8539.90.31 8539.90.39 9405.91.10 9405.91.90 9405.92.10 9405.92.90 9405.99.10 |





H.S. Code newly created:

| SI. No. | New H.S. Code | Description |
|---------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| 1. | 3824.99.92 | Master batch not containing pigments |

H.S. Code Merged:

| SI. No. | Existing H.S. Code | Merge H.S. Code |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| 1 | 3903.30.10 | 3903.30.00 |
| | 3903.30.90 | |
| 2 | 3907.40.10 | 3907.40.00 |
| | 3907.40.90 | |
| 3 | 3907.99.10 | 3907.99.00 |
| | 3907.99.90 | |
| 4 | 7601.20.10 | 7601.20.00 |
| | 7601.20.90 | |
| 5 | 7606.92.10 | 7606.92.00 |





List of Deleted & Replaced SROs:

- SRO no. 136-Aain/2022/84/Customs, dated 01 June 2022 (rebate on import of capital machinery or inputs by residential hotel of international standard) deleted by SRO no. 105-Aain/2022/149/Customs, dated 21 May 2023, effective from 01 June 2023
- Pilgrims Baggage (Import) Rules, 1977, deleted by SRO no. 133- Aain/2023/177/Customs, dated 21 May 2023, effective from 01 June 2023
- SRO no. 133-Aain/2017/19/Customs, dated 01 June 2017 (import of inputs by local manufacturer of industrial mold or die) deleted & replaced by SRO no. 121-Aain/2023/165/Customs, dated 21 May 2023, effective from 01 June 2023
- SRO no. 222-Aain/2022/130/Customs, dated 28 June 2022 (imposing & exemption of Regulatory Duty) deleted & replaced by SRO no. 126- Aain/2023/170/Customs, dated 21 May 2023, effective from 01 June 2023
- Passenger (Non-tourist) Baggage (Import) Rules, 2016, deleted & replaced by SRO no. 132-Aain/2023/176/Customs, dated 21 May 2023, naming Passenger (Non-tourist) Baggage (Import) Rules, 2023





List of Deleted & Replaced SROs:

SRO no. 203-Aain/2022/111/Customs, dated 28 June 2022 (minimum value for determining customs duty) deleted & replaced by SRO no. 134-Aain/2023/178/Customs, dated 21 May 2023, effective from 01 June 2023

List of Amended SROs: Effective from 01 June 2023

- SRO no. 118-Aain/2022/66/Customs, dated 01 June 2022 (import of capital machinery at reduced rate) amended by SRO no. 106-Aain/2023/150/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 119-Aain/2022/67/Customs, dated 01 June 2022 (exemption of CD & SD on import of raw materials by industrial IRC holder VAT compliant manufacturing industry) amended by SRO no. 107-Aain/2023/149/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 124-Aain/2021/13/Customs, dated 24 May 2021 (import of capital machinery, parts & inputs by industrial unit located in Economic Zone) amended by SRO no. 108-Aain/2023/152/Customs, dated 21 May 2023





List of Amended SROs: Effective from 01 June 2023

- SRO no. 127-Aain/2021/16/Customs, dated 24 May 2021 (import of machinery & parts by cellular phone manufacturer) amended by SRO no. 109-Aain/2023/152/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 121-Aain/2021/10/Customs, dated 24 May 2021 (import of inputs by cancer drugs manufacturer) amended by SRO no. 110-Aain/2023/154/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 122-Aain/2014/2486/Customs, dated 05 June 2014 (import of inputs by local pharmaceutical industry) amended by SRO no. 111-Aain/2023/155/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 116-Aain/2021/05/Customs, dated 24 May 2021 (import of machinery & parts by locally computer manufacturer) amended by SRO no. 112-Aain/2023/156/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 123-Aain/2022/71/Customs, dated 01 June 2022 (import of computer & computer equipment) amended by SRO no. 113-Aain/2023/157/Customs, dated 21 May 2023





<u>List of Amended SROs: Effective from 01 June 2023</u>

- SRO no. 56-Aain/2017/71/Customs, dated 14 March 2017 (import of capital machinery by company located in EPZ) amended by SRO no. 114-Aain/2023/158/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 201-Aain/2022/109/Customs, dated 28 June 2022 (import of raw material for production of LED/Energy savings lamp) amended by SRO no. 115-Aain/2023/159/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 128-Aain/2020/79/Customs, dated 03 June 2020 (import of raw materials by dairy/poultry feed manufacturer) amended by SRO no. 116-Aain/2023/160/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 120-Aain/2021/09/Customs, dated 24 May 2021 (import of textile machinery & equipment) amended by SRO no. 117-Aain/2023/161/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 70-Aain/2020/60/Customs, dated 04 March 2020 (import of machinery & equipment by power generation plant) amended by SRO no. 118-Aain/2023/162/Customs, dated 21 May 2023





List of Amended SROs: Effective from 01 June 2023

- SRO no. 139-Aain/2022/87/Customs, dated 01 June 2022 (import of machinery & parts by locally motor cycle manufacturer) amended by SRO no. 119-Aain/2023/163/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 122-Aain/2021/11/Customs, dated 24 May 2021 (import of raw material by locally manufacturer of LPG cylinder and auto tank) amended by SRO no. 122-Aain/2023/166/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 157-Aain/2019/26/Customs, dated 30 May 2019 (import of inputs by locally manufacturer of lift) amended by SRO no. 123-Aain/2023/167/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 199-Aain/2022/107/Customs, dated 28 June 2022 (import of inputs by locally manufacturer of refrigerator) amended by SRO no. 124-Aain/2023/168/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 142-Aain/2022/90/Customs, dated 01 June 2022 (import of inputs by amusement park) amended by SRO no. 125-Aain/2023/169/Customs, dated 21 May 2023





<u>List of Amended SROs: Effective from 01 June 2023</u>

- SRO no. 122-Aain/2022/70/Customs, dated 01 June 2022 (import of inputs by locally manufacturer of pre-fabricated building structure) amended by SRO no. 127-Aain/2023/171/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 200-Aain/2022/108/Customs, dated 28 June 2022 (import of inputs by locally manufacturer of AC) amended by SRO no. 128-Aain/2023/172/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 125-Aain/2021/14/Customs, dated 24 May 2021 (import of raw materials by locally manufacturer of washing machine) amended by SRO no. 129-Aain/2023/173/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 202-Aain/2022/110/Customs, dated 28 June 2022 (import of raw materials for locally production of ATM & CC camera) amended by SRO no. 130-Aain/2023/174/Customs, dated 21 May 2023
- SRO no. 373-Aain/2019/52/Customs, dated 28 November 2019 (import of coal for generation of electricity) amended by SRO no. 131 Aain/2023/175/Customs, dated 21 May 2023





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