GOVERNMENT NOTICE

SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

No. R. 187

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AMENDMENT ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 74(3)(a) OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX ACT, 1991, (ACT NO. 89 OF 1991), TO AMEND ITEM NO'S 407.02 AND 410.00 IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VALUE-ADDED TAX ACT, 1991, (ACT NO. 89 OF 1991) IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE AMENDMENT OF REBATE ITEMS 407.02 AND 410.00 IN SCHEDULE NO. 4 OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT, 1964 (ACT NO. 91 OF 1964).

By virtue of the power vested in me by section 74(3)(a) of the Value-Added Tax Act, 1991, (Act No. 89 of 1991), I, Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, Minister of Finance hereby make the following amendment to Item No's 407.02 and 410.00 in paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Value-Added Tax Act, 1991, (Act No. 89 of 1991), to further regulate the exemption from value-added tax on the importation of goods by immigrants, tourists, returning residents and other passengers, for their personal use and the exemption of Value-Added Tax on the importation of commercial goods of a negligible value or weight.

PJ GORDHAN Minister of Finance

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

- [] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
 - Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

Schedule

Schedule 1 to the Value-Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991), is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution of note (a) in note 3 in item no. 407.00 in paragraph 8 of the following note:

- <u>"3 (a) The exemption specified in item no. 407.02 shall only be allowed</u> in the case of –
 - (i) <u>407.02/00.00/01.00/ once per person during a period</u> of 30 days and shall not apply to goods imported by a person returning after an absence of less than 48 hours."
 - (ii) <u>407.02/00.00/02.00/ during a period of 30 days and</u> shall not apply to goods imported by a person returning after an absence of less than 48 hours; and
 - (iii) <u>407.02/22.00,407.02/24.02,407.02/24.03</u> and <u>407.02/33.03 is applicable in addition to the provisions</u> of item nos. 407.02/00.00/01.00 and <u>407.02/00.00/02.00 but only once per person during a</u> <u>period of 30 days and shall not apply to goods</u> <u>imported by a person returning after an absence of</u> <u>less than 48 hours."</u>
- (b) by the insertion in paragraph 8 after item no. 409.00 of the following item : 410.00 GOODS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES:
- (C) by the insertion in paragraph 8 for item no. 410.00 of the following note:
 - <u>"1 The exemption specified in item no. 410.04 shall only be allowed --</u>
 - (a) if the importer is a natural person and a holder of a valid travel document or passport from a SACU or SADC member state;
 - (b) once per person during a period of 30 days; and
 - (c) if the goods are of SACU or SACU origin; and if the combined net mass of the goods does not exceed 25kg."

(d) by the insertion in paragraph 8 for item no. 410.00 of the following note:

410.04 Handmade articles for commercial purposes:

410.04/99.01/01.04 - Leather or imitation leather articles

410.04/99.01/02.04 - Wooden articles

<u>410.04/99.01/03.04</u> - Plaits and similar products of plaiting materials, basketwork, wickerwork and other articles, made directly to shape from plaiting materials.

410.04/99.01/04.04 - Plastic articles

410.04/99.01/05.04 - Textile articles

410.04/99.01/06.04 - Stone articles

410.04/99.01/07.04 - Glass articles

410.04/99.01/08.04 - Base metal articles