



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM 2017**

Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority wishes to notify Importers, Exporters and General Public that the new tariff classifications - **Harmonized System 2017** version will be effective from 01<sup>st</sup> January 2017. This is an updated version with amendments to the Harmonized System nomenclature approved by the World Customs Organization.

Stakeholders are to note that our National Customs Tariff is being prepared and aligned to the Harmonized System Nomenclature and Fiji as a member of the World Customs Organization is under obligation to accede to these changes.

The amendments to Harmonized Systems and new versions are normally released by the World Customs Organization at the interval of 4 to 5 years. The amendments are done due to technological progress, changes in trading patterns, trade practice, clarification of text, environmental and social issues of international trade, similarly the Harmonized System has to be continually updated to cater the needs of users.

This revised version (2017) comprises of 233 sets of accepted amendments which now have been incorporated in schedule 2 to the Customs Tariff. The amendment includes deletion, substitution and addition on text resulting in introduction of new chapter notes, sub-headings, new tariff codes and regrouping of commodities.

In addition to the Harmonized System changes, the new 2017 Customs tariff schedule is now updated with the 2016-2017 Budgetary changes and uploaded in the FRCA website for reference.

Any queries on this can be directed to port managers and for further clarification queries may be referred to Manager -Tariff & Trade: Mrs. Shelini Sangeeta Kumar on 3243305 or email to [FICS-Tariff&Trade@frca.org.fj](mailto:FICS-Tariff&Trade@frca.org.fj).

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