



PUBLIC NOTICE

2023 - 2024 National Budget - Zero-Rated VAT Items

FRCS would like to inform the public that the items listed below continue to enjoy zero-rated VAT, with the new inclusion of prescribed medicines or drugs.

As of 1 August 2023, the previous three-VAT rates system has been replaced with a more streamlined two-VAT rate system.

The VAT rate of 9% has been raised to 15%, while the 0% VAT rate remains unchanged.

Businesses and consumers are informed that the items listed in the table below are zero-rated from VAT. Consequently, no VAT-related price increase should be applied to these items.

No.	Item	Description
1	Baby Milk	Includes products such as Lactogen, SMA, S26, Farley's, etc.
2	Canned fish	All kinds of canned fish such as mackerel, tuna, sardines, salmon, anchovies, etc.
3	Cooking Gas	All cooking gas sold in cylinders.
4	Cooking Oil	Includes all edible vegetable oil products such as soya bean oil, canola oil, olive oil, coconut oil, mustard oil, and other vegetable oil.
5	Dhal	These also include all types of dhal such as split peas, toor dhal, moong dhal, urdi, etc. It also includes other dried leguminous vegetables such as peas, chickpeas, moong, kidney beans, cow peas, etc. The category excludes dhal/ lentils in powdered form (besan/pea flour) or packaged in a can.
6	Flour	Includes flour made out of wheat only such as normal flour, sharp and whole meal/roti flour and excludes rice flour, corn flour, pea flour, self-raising flour etc.
7	Garlic	Includes only common fresh garlic and excludes all other forms such as dried, powdered, sliced, frozen, processed, and packed, etc.
8	Kerosene	A flammable hydrocarbon oil used as fuel in lamps and heaters.
9	Liquid Milk	Includes all types of dairy liquid milk whether full cream or low fat. This category only includes dairy milk and excludes non-dairy milk such as almond milk, soy milk and milk from other vegetables.
10	Onion	Includes all types of onion but excludes onion in other forms such as powdered, dried, or processed and packed.
11	Potato	Includes all types of potatoes in raw form including baby potatoes and washed potatoes and excludes potatoes in processed form such as French fries, wedges, hash brown, etc.
12	Powdered Milk	Includes all types of powdered milk including full cream and low fat

		and excludes products such as condensed milk.
13	Rice	Includes all types of rice including basmati, jasmine, long grain rice, brown rice, etc.
14	Salt	Includes normal salt and excludes products such as monosodium glutamate (MSG).
15	Sanitary Pads	Includes all types of sanitary towels (pads), tampons, etc.
16	Soap	All types of bar soaps but does not include liquid hand wash and dishwashing paste.
17	Soap Powder	Includes all types of detergents in the form of powder, liquid and paste including cleaning detergents.
18	Sugar	Includes only brown/raw sugar and excludes sugar in other forms such as castor, icing sugar, white sugar, cube, candy etc.
19	Tea	Includes tea of all types and packaging and excludes products such as bottled iced tea.
20	Toilet Paper	The category excludes products such as tissues, serviettes, paper towels, etc.
21	Toothpaste	All types of toothpaste in tube form and excludes other products for oral dental hygiene such as mouth wash, floss, etc.
22	Prescription Medicine or Prescription Drugs	Includes all medicines or drugs prescribed by a registered medical doctor whether it is over the counter or packed separately. It also includes "Repeats" as it originated from a prescription.

Consumers are strongly encouraged to exercise vigilance and ensure that tax invoices or receipts issued by "VAT Registered" businesses for the mentioned zero-rated items accurately reflect the 0% VAT.

For any further clarification, please call 3243000 or 1326, or e-mail vatteam@frcs.org.fj

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