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Ministry of Finance

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**NEW IMPORT DECLARATION ON THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS THROUGH VALUE
ADDED TAX IMPORT ACCOUNT**

1. The Ministry of Finance is pleased to inform taxpayers that the Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS) and the Automated Systems for Customs Data (Asycuda) are now linked. The integration of the two systems will make it possible for information in respect of an import declaration made in Asycuda for deferred payment of Value Added Tax on imports (VIA) to be sent to ITAS and automatically processed to the VIA account of the importer.
2. When the data declaration from Asycuda is processed in ITAS, taxpayers will receive monthly notifications for VIA declarations to inform them about the captured information and payment due by them. The notifications will be sent via e-mail or alternatively through the post.
3. **This means that the notification replaces the monthly VAT import declaration and taxpayers will no longer be required to submit VIA returns but will only be required to make the payment before or on the due date which is the 20th of each month guided by the information in the notification.** The taxpayer who is not in agreement with the information in the notification should consult the Directorate Customs and Excise for assistance.
4. Taxpayers registered for VIA are advised to register online and update email and postal contact information to avoid delays in receiving declaration notifications.
5. This change will be effected as from the return period 2020/09 which is due on Tuesday, 20 October 2020.
6. The new change is part of our modernisation drive to enhance effectiveness in revenue collections and services as this will not only improve government's ability to keep track of taxpayers information but also makes it easier for taxpayers to comply with the Act particularly those in the import trading.
7. Incidences of misuse of VIA will also be mitigated, this is beneficial both to the taxpayer and the Ministry.
8. For more enquiries, contact the nearest Inland Revenue Office or alternatively contact the ITAS helpdesk at Tel +264 61 2894000 or Email itas@mof.gov.na

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