



BELIZE CUSTOMS & EXCISE DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: All OIC's, Heads of Units and Staff

FROM: Mrs Estella Leslie
Comptroller of Customs and Excise

DATE: September 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Suspension of Common External Tariff (CET) on Female Sanitary Products

You are hereby advised of the implementation of the tenth phase reduction of duties in accordance with CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement, and the CARIFORUM-UK Economic Partnership Agreement and on the varying of rates of duty on sanitary products in accordance with the Customs & Excise Duties Act # 38 of 2023.

By virtue thereof, the CET of 20 per cent is suspended and replaced with a rate of duty of **0 per cent**. Kindly note that six ten-digit HS Codes have been created under Heading 96.19 to provide for the classification of sanitary towels and tampons respectively as provided below:

HS CODE	BZ	DESCRIPTION	MFN	CARICOM	EU/UK	GUAT	ROC/ TW
9619.00.11	10	----Sanitary towels	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
9619.00.11	11	----Tampons	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
9619.00.21	10	----Sanitary towels	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
9619.00.21	11	----Tampons	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
9619.00.90	00	---Of other materials	20%	0%	20%	20%	20%
9619.00.90	11	----Sanitary towels	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
9619.00.90	12	----Tampons	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



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For further inquiries kindly contact Ms. Emelda Cocom, Assistant Comptroller Valuation, or Mr. Francis Alfaro, Trade Support officer for the Customs & Excise Department.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Estella'.

Estella Leslie (Mrs.)
Comptroller of Customs
Customs and Excise Department