

[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 72]

CUSTOMS ACT 1986

Customs (Amendment) Regulations 2024

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 191 of the Customs Act 1986, I hereby make these Regulations—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Customs (Budget Amendment) Regulations 2024.

(2) These Regulations are deemed to have come into force on 1 August 2024.

(3) In these Regulations, the Customs Regulations 1986 is referred to as the “Principal Regulations”.

Regulation 8 amended

2. Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

- (a) in paragraph (a), deleting “\$35” and substituting “\$60 (VIP)”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), deleting “\$25” and substituting “\$50 (VIP)”;
- (c) in paragraph (b)(ii) after “\$400 per aircraft”, inserting “or \$1,500 per unscheduled private or chartered aircraft”.

Regulation 36A inserted

3. The Principal Regulations are amended after regulation 36 by inserting the following new regulation—

“Amending cargo manifest

36A.—(1) Where a cargo reporter, airline, shipping agent or freight forwarder failed to register of the cargo report within 48 hours for sea cargo and 9 hours for air cargo prior to arrival of the vessel or aircraft, the cargo reporter, airline agent or freight forwarder is subject to a late amendment fee of \$115 payable to the Comptroller per applicable bill of lading or airway bill.

(2) The application under subregulation (1) must be made on the approved form and set out the reason for late registration and validation of import manifest, amendment or addition of applicable bill of lading or airway bill and accommodation as follows—

- (a) for a voyage less than 48 hours, one hour after departure from the last port before Fiji; and
- (b) for a voyage less than 9 hours, at the time of departure from the last port before Fiji.”.

Regulation 47 amended

4. Regulation 47(4) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “\$100” and substituting “\$115”.

Regulation 56 amended

5. Regulation 56 of the Principal Regulations is amended after subregulation (3) by inserting the following new subregulation—

“(4) In addition to the fee prescribed under subregulation (3), the importer must pay to the Comptroller an additional fee of \$115 per application per bill of lading or airway bill if the importer enters the goods after 48 hours of taking delivery of the goods.”.

Regulation 73 amended

6. Regulation 73(3) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “\$100” and substituting “\$115”.

Regulation 82 amended

7. Regulation 82(3) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “\$100” and substituting “\$115”.

Regulation 91 amended

8. Regulation 91(3) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “\$100” and substituting “\$115”.

Regulation 140B amended

9. Regulation 140B(3) of the Principal Regulations is amended after “201A,” by inserting “201C,”.

Made this 9th day of August 2024.

B. C. PRASAD
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Finance
