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# Preamble

Our publication incorporates changes based on the 2016 Budget speech. Some changes may arise when the Finance Bill 2016 and subsequently the Finance Act 2016 are published.

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# Budget highlights

## Tax provisions

### Pay As Your Earn

- Lowest income band (income not exceeding TZS 170,000) now subject to 9% tax, down from 11%;
- Members of Parliament to be taxed on the final gratuity that they receive at the end of their Parliamentary term.

### Corporate Tax

- Payments (arising from rent and interest) retirement funds to be subject to withholding tax;
- Capital gain tax to apply on the disposal of shares by non-resident shareholders controlling less than 25% of a Tanzanian resident entity;
- Commissioner General now empowered to determine minimum market value for purposes of withholding tax on rental income.

### Value Added Tax

- Soya beans and unprocessed agricultural products to be treated as exempt for VAT purposes.
- Vitamins and food supplements to be listed under the exempt schedule.
- VAT exemption extended to water treatment chemicals approved by the Health Ministry;
- Bitumen products under HS Code 27.13, 27.14 and 27.15 to be exempt for VAT purposes.
- Insurance for aviation industry to become exempt;
- A VAT exemption moratorium on the tourism sector has been removed. Tour guide services, game drives, safaris and ground transport services will now be subject to 18% VAT.

- VAT between Mainland and Zanzibar will be charged based on the destination principle.
- Financial services except interest on loans to be subject to 18% VAT.

### Custom Duties

Increase in duty rates (based on custom values) as follows:

- Cement from 25% to 35% for one year.
- Structures and part of structures of iron and steel under HS Heading 7308 from 10% to 25%.
- Pre-fabricated buildings under HS Code 9406.00.90 from 10% to 25%.
- Made up fishing nets of HS Code 5608.11.00 from 10% to 25%.
- Oil and petrol filters under HS Code 8421.23.00, and intake air filters under HS Code 8421.31.00 from 10% to 25%.
- Paper products falling under HS Heading 4804 from 10% to 25%.
- Specific duty rate on worn clothes and shoes from 0.2 US\$/kg to 0.4 US\$/kg.

Duty remissions granted on:

- Motor vehicle air filters at 0% to local manufacturers.
- Splints which are raw materials used in the manufacture of matches under HS Code 4421.90.00 at 0%.
- Raw materials for production of aluminum cans under HS Heading 7606 at 0%.

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Duty remissions progressively reduced on:

- Sugar and sugar confectionery, from current rate of 10% to 15% (2016-17), to 20% (2017/18) and to 25% (2018/19).

Increase Common External Tariffs (CET) rate on:

- Flat rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel under HS Heading 7208 from 0% to 10%.
- Aluminum milk cans under HS Code 7612.90.90 from 10% to 25%.

Decrease the CET rate of:

- Iron and steel products under HS Code 7308.10.00 from 25% to 0% for 1 year.
- Automotive bolts and nuts under HS Code 7318.15.00 from 25% to 10% for 1 year.
- Wheat grain under HS Heading 1001 from 35% to 10% for 1 year.

Increase in CET rates of:

- Crude edible oil under HS Code 1511.10.00 from 0% to 10% for 1 year.

Amendment of the EAC Customs Management Act, 2004 to include exemptions/remission of duty on:

- Refrigeration equipment for human dead bodies under HS Code 8418.69.90.
- Incinerator's equipment and materials.
- CMA to include blood collection tubes.
- Inputs for the manufacture of deep cycle batteries.
- Inputs or raw materials for use in the manufacture of solar equipment.

Amendment of the EAC Customs Management Act, 2004 to abolish remission of duty on uniforms for hospital staff.

### Excise Duties

- A general 5% inflationary adjustment on items that are subject to specific excise duties, except for bottled water and petroleum products.
- Excise duty increased on non-alcoholic beverages (i.e. carbonated soft drinks, both imported and locally produced juices).
- Excise duty increased on alcoholic beverages (beers, wines and spirits).
- Cigarettes and other tobacco products will be subject to higher excise duty rates.

Natural gas, lubricating greases and oils to be subject to higher excise duty rates.

A 10% excise duty to apply on all commissions received for the provision of mobile money transfers.

### Miscellaneous

- The Vocational Educational and Training Act Cap 82 has been amended to reduce skills and development levy from 5% to 4.5%.
- Review of the Tanzania Investment Act 1997 to align it with the exemptions in the VAT Act 2014.
- The Motor vehicle (Tax on Registration and Transfer) Act Cap 124 has been amended to:
  - (1) increase registration fee from the TZS 150,000 to TZS 250,000 for motor vehicles and from TZS 45,000 to TZS 95,000 for motor cycles and tricycles
  - (2) increase personalized registration number fee from TZS 5,000,000 to TZS 10,000,000 for every three years.

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- Various Acts have been amended to mandate the Tanzania Revenue Authority to collect property tax. The mandate has been moved from the Local Government Authorities.
- The Government has abolished various fees and levies imposed by Tanzania Foods and Drugs Authority (“TFDA”), Cotton Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board and Cashew nut Board.

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