EXCISE TAX RATES AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) 2018

SAMOA

Explanatory Memorandum

1.0 Object and reasons:

1.1 The Bill seeks to amend the Excise Tax Rates Act 1984 (principal Act) and to increase the excise tax rates for tobacco products to 5% and also provide for the same increase which will be effective in July 2019.

Clauses:

<u>Clause 1</u>: - provides for the short title and commencement.

<u>Clause 2</u>: - clarifying that the Schedule of the principal Act is to be

amended according to the Schedule under the Bill.

<u>Clause 3</u>: - provides for consequential amendments to the Schedules

of the Customs Tariff Act 1975.

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MINISTER FOR REVENUE

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Arrangement of Provisions

- 1. Short title and commencement
- 2. Amendments to the Schedule
- 3. Consequential amendments

Schedule

2018, No.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Excise Tax Rates Act 1984 (Principal Act).

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

1. Short title and commencement:

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Excise Tax Rates Amendment Act (No. 3) 2018.
- (2) This Act commences as follows:
 - (a) for column 3 of the Schedule, on 1 July 2018;
 - (b) for column 4 of the Schedule, on 1 July 2019.

2. Amendments to the Schedule:

The Schedule of the principal Act is amended by the Schedule of this Act.

3. Consequential amendments:

The Schedules of the Customs Tariff Act 1975 is amended where relevant by the amendments brought into effect by this Act.

SCHEDULE (Section 2)

New Excise Tax Rates for Tobacco Products - 5% increase				
Column 1	Column2	Column 3	Column 4	
Tariff Items	Description	Amendments on 1 July 2018	Amendments on 1 July 2019	
2402.1000	Cigars, Cherrots	for "\$232.68"	for "\$244.31"	
	and cigarillos	substitute	substitute	
	containing tobacco	"\$244.31"	"\$256.52"	
	sticks			

2402.2000	Cigarettes	for "\$232.68"	for"\$244.31"
	containing tobacco	substitute	substitute
		"\$244.31"	"\$256.52"
2402.9000	Other cigarettes	for "\$232.68"	for "\$244.31"
		substitute	substitute
		"\$244.31"	"\$256.52"
2403.1910	Twist or Stick	for "\$247.74"	for "\$260.12"
	Tobacco	substitute	substitute
		"\$260.12"	"273.12"
2403.1990	Other Tobacco	for "\$247.74"	for "\$260.12"
		substitute	substitute
		"\$260.12"	"\$273.12"