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On Behalf of the Department of Chief Secretary

Public Holiday for Ronphos Handover, Wed, 1Jul2020, 9am-5pm.

Under Section 81, subsection (k) of the Public Service Act, Wednesday, 1 July 2020, 9am-5pm is declared a public holiday to be observed by the officers and employees of the public service and its instrumentalities in commemoration of the Ronphos Handover.

On Behalf of the Department of Finance (Customs)

Notice of 20 per cent increase in import duty on tobacco and alcohol products from 1Jul2020.

Customs wishes to advise importers, customs brokers, other stakeholders and the general public of a 20 per cent import duty increase in the cost of tobacco and alcohol products from 1 July 2020.

For importers, brokers and other stakeholders:

From 1 July, import duties on tobacco and alcohol products will increase by 20 per cent.

The Nauru Government approved the increase on 4 June, with the decision in part to raise revenue to meet 2020-21 policy goals, but also, to drive behavioural change in the community.

Tobacco use and excessive alcohol consumption place a heavy burden on Nauru, in terms of rising health care costs, lost productivity of the workforce, sickness and early death from non-communicable diseases (NCDs) resulting from unhealthy lifestyle choices.

For further information on HS (harmonised system) classification codes and the revised import duty rates, please contact Principal Customs Officer, David Detudamo, 557 3512.

Customs will make available to relevant stakeholders via email a copy of the Customs Tariff (Alteration to Tariff) Regulations 2020, subsequent to its publication in the next issue of the Government Gazette. The document will also be shared through access on the Nauru trade portal: <https://nauru.tradeportal.org>

For the general public/consumers/end users:

It's time to reduce or quit smoking and excessive drinking.

With almost half of Nauruans smoking, and alcohol being a factor in most police callouts, domestic violence incidents and traffic accidents, now is the time to carefully consider the social effects of our lifestyle choices.

From 1 July, import duty on cigarettes and alcohol will increase by 20 per cent.

A packet of cigarettes will now cost you \$18. If you smoke a packet a day, you will be spending \$547.50 every month.

Drink responsibly.

Call Don Kadir, NCD Coordinator at Public Health on 557 3073 to assist you to quit smoking and learn about the dangers of excessive alcohol use.

Today is the start of a healthier, wealthier you, because Every Life Matters.

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