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## VANUATU DUTY EXEMPTION

- ▶ Are you a local Manufacturer?

Need a duty exemption?  
Here is how to go:



# Vanuatu Duty Exemption

## What is Duty Exemption?

The duty exemption is an import substitution provided by the Department of Industry under the Schedule III of the Import Duty ACT Cap 91.

Its main aim is to support value addition locally especially among the local manufacturers.

Furthermore, it also helps local manufacturers to compete with imported products and encourages export of local made products.

## Who is eligible to Duty Exemption?

However, to be eligible to apply for a Duty Exemption under the Import Duty Act, you must be:

- An established company
- Must have a valid business license and a business registration
- Must have an Industrial permit
- Must be a manufacturer

## Additional Informations:

Note that in the Vanuatu Custom Tariff code (HS2017); conditions and terms under Code No. 010, goods eligible for Duty Concession are:

- Raw materials for the manufacture of approved goods (excluding fuel)
- Packaging and labelling materials for transport of completed goods (excluding paper and paper boards)
- Equipment used to establish a new manufacturing enterprise (excluding nails, refrigerators, batteries, building materials ,etc...)

## Procedures of obtaining Duty Exemption

### Step 1: Apply for Vanuatu Industrial permit (Fee 2500VT)

Before obtaining a duty exemption, you firstly need to have an Industrial permit".

**Application** form can be collect at the front office of the Department of Industry.

The Industrial Permit fee is 2500VT and will renew every 5 years

The Vanuatu industrial permit can be issued within 7 working days.

### Step 2: Apply for Duty Exemption after obtaining your Vanuatu Industrial permit

After obtaining your Vanuatu Industrial permit, you can then apply for a Duty Exemption.

Note that the Duty exemption form can also be picked up at the front office of the Department of Industry.

*NB: if you are intending to use the duty exemption to import your raw material; please do not order in advance. Make sure your Exemption is approved before you order in order to avoid issues.*

### Step 3: Drop in your Duty Exemption form with a fee of 11500VT

Then drop your complete duty exemption form with a fee of 11,500 VT which is renewable every year.

### Step 4: collect the approval of your Duty Exemption

Once your Duty Exemption approved and signed by the Director of Industry; you can then collect it and give it to your custom agent.

*NB: We encourage every manufacturers to have customs brokers*

### Step 5: Order your imports Goods

NB: Only after approval of Duty Exemption; you can finally order your goods.