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Environmental Levy (Budget Amendment) Act 2017

REPUBLIC OF FIJI

← ENVIRONMENT → LEVY (BUDGET AMENDMENT) ACT 2017

ACT NO. 36 OF 2017

I assent.
J. K. KONROTE President
[14 July 2017]

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE [ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY ACT 2015](#)

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the [Environmental Levy \(Budget Amendment\) Act 2017](#).
- (2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2017.
- (3) In this Act, the [Environmental Levy Act 2015](#) is referred to as the "Principal Act".

Long title amended

2. The long title of the Principal Act is amended by deleting "ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY ON PRESCRIBED SERVICE TURNOVER" and substituting "← ENVIRONMENT → AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION LEVY ON PRESCRIBED SERVICES, ITEMS AND INCOME".

Section 2 amended



3. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) deleting the definition of "Environmental Levy" and substituting the following—

""← Environment → and Climate Adaptation Levy" means a levy imposed on—

- (a) prescribed services under Part 2;
- (b) prescribed items under Part 3;
- (c) prescribed income under Part 4; and
- (d) the charter of a superyacht at the rate of 10% of the gross charter fee paid and collected under the Superyacht Charter Act 2010;"; and

(b) inserting the following new definitions—

""Fund" means the  **Environment**  and Climate Adaptation Fund established under section 12;

"importer" has the meaning given to that term under section 2 of the [Customs Act 1986](#);

"plastic bag" means—

(a) a carry bag—

(i) the body of which comprises, in whole or in part, polyethylene;



(ii) that includes handles;

(iii) that is provided by a prescribed business for the carrying or transporting of goods; and

(iv) is not an integral part of a product's packaging; or

(b) a bag that is of a kind prescribed by regulations;".



Part 2 amended

4. Part 2 of the Principal Act is amended in the heading by deleting "ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY" and substituting " **ENVIRONMENT**  AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION LEVY ON PRESCRIBED SERVICES".

Section 3 amended

5. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) in the heading after "Levy", inserting "for prescribed services";



(b) in subsection (1), deleting "a levy at the rate of 6%" and substituting "the  **Environment**  and Climate Adaptation Levy at the rate of 10%"; and

(c) in subsection (4), deleting paragraph (b) and substituting the following—

"(b) be clearly and separately shown on a tax invoice, invoice or receipt issued for the payment of any prescribed service."





Section 4 amended

6. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended after subsection (3) by inserting the following new subsection—

"(4) For the purpose of ensuring that a person does not pay the  **Environment**  and Climate Adaptation Levy more than once in relation to a prescribed service, an accountable person shall

—

(a) only charge and pay the CEO the  **Environment**  and Climate Adaptation Levy that is payable for the prescribed service provided by the business under the responsibility of the accountable person; and

(b) not charge the  **Environment**  and Climate Adaptation Levy for a prescribed service where the  **Environment**  and Climate Adaptation Levy has been charged by another person with respect to the prescribed service."

Renumbering of Principal Act

7. The Principal Act is amended by—

(a) renumbering Part 3 as Part 6;

(b) renumbering section 6 as section 15;

(c) renumbering Part 4 as Part 7; and

(d) renumbering sections 7 and 8 as sections 16 and 17, respectively.

New Parts inserted

8. The Principal Act is amended after section 5 by inserting the following new Parts—

"PART 3—IMPOSITION OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION LEVY ON PRESCRIBED ITEMS

Division 1—Imposition of Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy on plastic bags

Imposition of Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy on plastic bags

6.—(1) An Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy shall be charged on plastic bags distributed by businesses prescribed by regulations.

(2) Pursuant to subsection (1), the Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy charged on plastic bags is \$0.10c per plastic bag.

(3) The Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy on plastic bags is payable by the person to whom a plastic bag is provided.

(4) The levy imposed under subsection (1) shall—

(a) not be subject to the Value Added Tax imposed under the Value Added Tax Act 1991; and

(b) be clearly and separately shown on a tax invoice, invoice or receipt issued for the purchase of any goods.

Collection of Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy for plastic bags

7. The Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy payable under this Division shall be collected by the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority in the manner prescribed by regulations.

Division 2—Imposition of Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy on imported goods

Imposition of Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy on imported goods

8.—(1) An Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy shall be charged on imported goods prescribed in Schedule 2 at the rate of 10% of the value of the goods.

(2) The application of the Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy on imported goods may be limited by exemptions prescribed in Schedule 2.

(3) The Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy on imported goods is payable by the importer.

(4) The levy imposed under subsection (1) shall—

(a) not be subject to the Value Added Tax imposed under the Value Added Tax Act 1991; and

(b) be clearly and separately shown on a tax invoice, invoice, receipt or any document issued for the payment of any imported good.

(5) The Minister may by notice in the Gazette amend the list of imported goods prescribed in Schedule 2 and the limitations or exemptions that apply to the goods.

Collection of Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy for imported goods

9. The Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy payable under this Division shall be collected by the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority in conjunction with the collection of duty under the [Customs Act 1986](#).

PART 4—IMPOSITION OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION LEVY ON PRESCRIBED INCOME

Imposition of Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy on prescribed income

10. An Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy at the rate of 10% shall be charged on income as prescribed by regulations and shall form part of the Social Responsibility Tax under the [Income Tax Act 2015](#).

Collection of Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy for prescribed income

11. The Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy imposed under this Part shall be collected as part of the Social Responsibility Tax under the [Income Tax Act 2015](#).

PART 5—ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUND

Establishment of the Environment and Climate Adaptation Fund

12.—(1) This section establishes the Environment and Climate Adaptation Fund.

(2) The Fund shall consist of—

- (a) any money paid to the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority in relation to the **Environment** and Climate Adaptation Levy imposed under this Act;
- (b) any interest accrued from money deposited in the Fund;
- (c) any money appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Fund; and
- (d) such sums of money received for the purposes of the Fund under written law or from any other source approved by the Minister.

- (3) The Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority must pay money collected for the payment of the **Environment** and Climate Adaptation Levy into the Fund.
- (4) No part of the Fund may be transferred or assigned to any person other than in accordance with this Act.
- (5) The Trustee Act 1966 does not apply to the Fund.

Purposes of the Fund

13. The purposes of the Fund are to—

- (a) promote conservation of the forests, flora, fauna, wildlife, ecosystems and biodiversity of Fiji;
- (b) provide funding to assist programmes, projects and activities associated with climate change, including climate change mitigation and adaptation activities; and
- (c) engage in any **environment** or climate change related activity approved by the Minister.

Application of Fund

- 14.—(1) The Ministry must only expend the monies of the Fund for the purposes provided under section 13.
- (2) No payments may be made from the Fund without the authorisation of the permanent secretary responsible for finance.
- (3) The expenditure of the Fund shall be published by the Ministry and made publicly available."

Schedule amended



9. The Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by deleting "SCHEDULE" and substituting "SCHEDULE 1".

New Schedule 2 inserted

10. The Principal Act is amended after the Schedule by inserting the following new Schedule—

"SCHEDULE 2
(Section 8)
IMPORTED GOODS

Imported goods	Conditions or exemptions (if any)
New or re-conditioned luxury vehicles with engine capacity exceeding 3000cc	Exemptions and conditions: Vehicles used for public transportation, liquid petroleum gas, compressed natural gas, solar vehicles, electric vehicles, and vehicles procured by anyone under concession codes 201A, 203, 204,205, 206, 220 column 2(iii) and 287 of Schedule2, Part 3 to the Customs Tariff Act 1986 provided that any person or body exempted from paying the Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy under the above concession codes who at any time within 5 years from the date of importation or delivery from the warehouse of such vehicles, sells or disposes such vehicles to any non-entitled persons or bodies other than those



specified under the above concession codes, shall be liable to pay the  **Environment**  and Climate Adaptation Levy on a pro-rata basis for the unused period of the vehicle."

Miscellaneous amendments

11. The Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) deleting "the Schedule" wherever it appears and substituting "Schedule 1"; and
- (b) deleting "Commissioner" wherever it appears and substituting "CEO".

Amendment to references to "Environmental Levy"

12. All written laws and all State documents of any nature whatsoever (including the titles of any written law) are amended by deleting "Environmental Levy" wherever it appears and substituting " **Environment**  and Climate Adaptation Levy", unless the context otherwise requires.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 14th day of July 2017.

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