

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2023

Effective 3 May 2023

On 28 April 2023, the Minister of Finance, through Statutory Instrument No.59 of 2023, approved the Value Added Tax (VAT) amendments to the VAT Act. Amendments are effective from 3 May 2023, and are summarized below.

The first schedule of the VAT Act has been amended to increase a basket of zero-rated items by the following specified supplies.

vegetables		
cooking oil		
liquid petroleum gas		
salt		
Sait		
infant formula		
baby diapers		
sanitary pads or tampons		
agricultural implements		
condome		
condoms		

The Amendment further repealed the definition of public medical facility from the Second schedule to the Act and hence now exempting both private and public medical service providers from VAT.



The Amendment aims to improve standards of living, support the agricultural sector and enhance easier access to medical services.

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