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**THE WAIVER OF V.A.T. AND O.P.T. ON LAPTOPS, NOTEBOOKS AND TABLETS
IS EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 2020**

The Honourable Colm Imbert, Minister of Finance, has taken note of information in the public domain regarding the waiver of taxes on computers and wishes to confirm that the required legal orders for the zero-rating for Value Added Tax (VAT) and the remission (waiver) of Online Purchase Tax (OPT) on laptop computers, notebook computers and tablet computers have been signed by the Minister of Finance and the Secretary to the Cabinet, respectively, and are effective from Friday September 4, 2020 (see attached orders).

Any VAT or OPT on these items that may have been inadvertently charged by the Customs & Excise Division as a result of a manual entry by an importer or an electronic entry that was already in the ASYCUDA system prior to Friday September 4, 2020, but not yet imported as of that date, will be refunded.

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