

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## UPDATE ON THE VAT (DECREASE IN RATE) ORDER AND LAPSE OF THE DECREASE IN VAT RATE ON COOKING OIL AND LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS

Members of the public are informed that the Minister of Finance, Honourable Peggy Serame has issued an extension on the decrease in VAT rate through an Order, Statutory Instrument No. 5 of 2023 published on the 13th January 2023.

In terms of the said Order, VAT (Decrease in Rate of Tax) Order, 2023 the rate of VAT payable in terms of Section 7(1) of the VAT Act is reduced from 14 per cent to 12 per cent from 3 February 2023 to 31 March 2023.

No similar extension has been made for cooking oil and Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) which were zero-rated through VAT (Amendment) Act No. 23 of 2022.

BURS is currently reviewing the VAT transitional rules to issue a guidance note that will inform taxpayers on the transition from 0 per cent to 12 per cent. Domestic Taxes and the Communications Office are working on a Public Notice to be issued to our Registered Persons and the public.

These changes came into effect on the 03rd August 2022 and were billed to lapse at the end of six months.

**For more information, contact the BURS Call Centre at 17649.**

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