

ECO-CONTRIBUTION ACT

(CAP. 473)

Today, 14th February, 2017

The Commissioner for Revenue wishes to notify that:

As announced in the Budget Speech for this year, no eco-contribution shall be due on the items listed hereunder as from the respective dates mentioned below. Keep in view that, this means that the removal of the eco-contribution is applicable only for those goods which are placed on the market with effect from such dates onwards. For those goods which were placed on the market before such effective dates, eco-contribution will remain due in terms of the provisions of the Eco Contribution Act. For this purpose "*Placed on the market*" means when a product is transferred from the manufacturing stage or when a product is brought into Malta with the intention of distribution on the market in Malta, including when a product is so transferred or brought into Malta for use in the trade, business, profession or vocation of the person transferring or bringing the product into Malta.

Extract from the Bill listing the products on which eco-contribution shall be removed:

163. (1) In the First Schedule to the principal Act, the following categories of product groups shall be deleted:

HS CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ECO- CONTRIBUTIO N
EMPTY CARBOYS, BOTTLES, FLASKS, JARS, AND OTHER CONTAINERS MADE OF PLASTIC, GLASS OR METAL, UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:		
3923	Articles for the conveyance or packing of beverages	€0.02
7010	Articles for the conveyance or packing of beverages	€0.02
7612	Cans of aluminium for the conveyance or packing of beverages	€0.02

TOILETRIES AND WASHING PREPARATIONS, UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

3305 10 00	Shampoos, in containers exceeding 50 ml	€0.05
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3402	Organic surface-active agents (other than soap); surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 3401, not including preparations of heading 3402 20 or of heading 3402 90	€0.12
3402	Organic surface-active agents (other than soap); surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 3401, carried under heading 3402 20 or heading 3402 90	€0.02

TABLEWARE AND KITCHENWARE, OF PLASTICS

3924 10 00	Tableware and kitchenware (per 50 pieces or part thereof)	€0.02
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PACKAGING, OF PLASTICS

3923 10 00	Clamshells, with a hinged lid, of expanded polystyrene and all other expandable plastic materials	€0.12
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MATTRESSES AND ARTICLES OF BEDDING

9404 21	Mattress, of cellular rubber or plastics, whether or not covered	€6.99
9404 29	Mattress, of other materials	€6.99
9404 30	Sleeping bags	€2.33
9404 90	Other articles of bedding, excluding pillows	€2.33

BATTERIES AND ACCUMULATORS, UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

8506	Primary cells and primary batteries, excluding batteries used in: i) hearing aids; ii) cochlear implants; and iii) cardiac pacemakers	€0.06
8507	Electric accumulators, whether or not rectangular (including square) not exceeding 35 grams in weight	€0.06
8507	Electric accumulators, whether or not rectangular (including square) exceeding 35 grams in weight	€1.63

OIL FILTERS, UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADING:

8421 23	Oil or fuel filters for internal combustion engines	€0.12
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(2) The provisions of this article shall be deemed to have come into force on the 18th October, 2016.

164. (1) In the First Schedule to the principal Act, the following categories of product groups shall be deleted:

HS CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ECO- CONTRIBUTIO N
TOILETRIES AND WASHING PREPARATIONS, UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:		
3303	Perfumes and toilet waters	€0.12
3304	Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or suntan preparations; manicure or pedicure preparations. But excluding unscented nursery powder packed in cartons of a weight not exceeding 70 grams and hand and body lotion in containers not exceeding 50 ml	€0.12
3305	Preparations for use on the hair, but excluding items falling under heading 3305 10 00	€0.12
3306	Preparations for oral or dental hygiene, including denture fixative pastes and powders; yarn used to clean between the teeth (dental floss), in individual retail packages	€0.05
3307	Pre-shave, shaving or aftershave preparations, personal deodorants, bath preparations, depilatories and other perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, not elsewhere specified or included; prepared room deodorisers, whether or not perfumed or having disinfectant properties. But excluding bath and shower gel in containers not exceeding 50 ml	€0.12

(2) The provisions of this article shall come into force on the 1st January, 2017.
