

Tour operators

(1) ST& CD exemption on buses for tour operators.

- (a) It shall be granted until 31st December 2020;
- (b) The number of buses permitted shall be one for unincorporated business and two for incorporated companies;
- (c) For the purpose of these rules "buses" shall mean buses of at least 10-seater capacity and above;
- (d) To avail the incentives, the following conditions must be fulfilled:
 - (i) The number of buses imported under Fiscal Incentives 2010 are at least ten years old and have not exceeded the maximum ceiling prescribed herein;
 - (ii) The tour operator has been in business for a minimum of 3 years consecutively and has handled minimum of 100 tourists in the last 2 operating years;
 - (iii) The tour operator must be registered with TCB;
 - (iv) All applications must be duly verified and recommended by TCB;
 - (v) The tour operator is registered as taxpayer with DRC and should be operational at the time of application;
 - (vi) The name of the business entity should be displayed on the vehicles;
 - (vii) If the vehicle is sold/disposed off or transferred within five years from the date of registration, the business entity shall be liable for all the taxes and duties;
 - (viii) The tour operator shall sign and submit an undertaking/agreement as per the terms and conditions provided by DRC/TCB;
 - (ix) All application for exemption must be submitted online as per the website tax.tashel.gov.bt.

(2) ST & CD exemption on camping, trekking, rafting, kayaking, boating and other outdoor or adventure recreation equipment for tour operators.

- (a) It shall be granted until 31st December 2020;
- (b) It shall be applicable to the list of items approved by MoF in consultation with TCB from time to time;

- (c) To avail the incentives, the following conditions must be fulfilled:
- (i) The tour operator must be a licensed business entity registered with TCB;
 - (ii) The tour operator is registered as taxpayer with DRC and should be operational at the time of application;
 - (iii) The tour operator has been in business for a minimum of three years consecutively and has handled minimum of 100 tourists in the last two operating years;
 - (iv) All applications must be duly verified and recommended by TCB;
 - (v) The tour operator shall sign and submit an undertaking/agreement as per the terms and conditions provided by DRC/TCB;
 - (vi) All application for exemption must be submitted online as per the website tax.tashel.gov.bt.

Note: General Conditions provided under clause no. 35 of the Fiscal Incentives, 2016 shall be applicable to all the eligible tour operators.