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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
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THIMPHU



MoF/PPD/Notification/2022/1060

December 23, 2022

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Discontinue and withdraw the Duty Free Membership (Duty Free Quota Privilege)

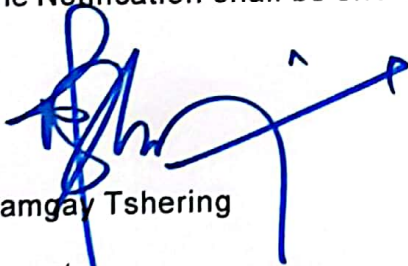
Based on the Rules and Procedures Governing The Operation of Duty Free Shops in Bhutan July 1998, the Duty Free Memberships was granted to provide access to foreign drinks and consumer goods to the privileged personnel and to support the tourism sector and earn foreign exchange for the country.

With the steady growth of the economy, the goods that are available in the Duty Free Shops are now adequately available in the open market.

Therefore, the Ministry of Finance based on the Government directive No.C-3/132/2022/1461 dated December 8, 2022 hereby issues this Notification to discontinue and withdraw the Duty Free Membership (Duty Free Quota Privilege) except for:

1. *Diplomats governed by the international laws, conventions and covenants ratified by the Parliament of Bhutan, and*
2. *International employees governed by Bilateral and multilateral agreement signed by the Royal Government of Bhutan.*

The Notification shall be effective from 1st January, 2023.


Namgay Tshering

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1. Dasho Zimpon, Office of the Gyalpoi Zimpon, Thimphu.
2. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Gyalyong Tshokhang, Thimphu.
3. Hon'ble Ministers, Royal Government of Bhutan.
4. All Constitutional Heads, Auditor General, Government Secretaries, Head of Autonomous Bodies, Dzongdags, Thrompons, Drungpas and Gups for information.
5. The Head of International Agencies, Thimphu for information.
6. Officiating Director General, Department of Revenue & Customs, MoF for information.
7. Chief Executive Officer, Bhutan Duty Free Limited, Thimphu for information.