



PUBLIC NOTICE

COVID19 ASSISTANCE: EXPANSION TO THE CODE 121 SCHEME

The members of the business community are hereby advised of the expansion of the Government CODE 121 Assistance Scheme to include the “*agricultural and fisheries development projects*” as part of the Government’s Stimulus Package for enabling the Private Sector during the COVID19 pandemic.

The CODE 121 assistance is mainly for Duty exemption on imported materials required by an Agricultural or Fisheries development project.

The expansion will only be available during the period of the Stimulus Package from April to October 2020 and will include all equipment and inputs required for the approved development projects.

Please be advised that the following existing sectors currently eligible under the Scheme are still encouraged and welcomed to apply:

1. Commercial Manufacturers of Agricultural Products for Export and Import Substitution
2. Commercial Poultry Farmers
3. Commercial Manufacturers of Handicrafts and
4. Commercial Elei & Garment Manufacturers

In order to be eligible for assistance under the Code 121 Scheme, interested businesses must submit a written application to the MCIL and must satisfy the following Criteria:

1. Holder of a valid/current Business License
2. Attach list of imported goods intended to be duty exempted under Code 121 with import documents.

ALL applications must be submitted in the first instance to the MCIL for preliminary assessment of the business’ eligibility before referral by MCIL to the Ministry of Customs and Revenue (MCR) for their assessment of the list of imported goods for duty exemption.

Application forms and guidelines for the CODE 121 Scheme is available on our website www.mcil.gov.ws or from MCIL (IDIP Division), 4th floor, ACC Building, Apia. Also please be advised there is a separate application form for the additional sector of 'Agricultural and Fisheries Development Projects' and is also available on our website or at our office. For further information and/or clarification, please contact Ms Jacinta Matulino ACEO-IDIP (jacinta.matulino@mcil.gov.ws) or Lisi Iosefa (lisi.iosefa@mcil.gov.ws) on telephone numbers 20441 or 28096.

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