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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE TARIFF ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Tariff (Amendment) Act, 2021.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2021.

2. Amendment to the First Schedule to No. 21 of 2018.

Part C of the First Schedule to the Tariff Act is amended —

- (a) in Chapter 38, in the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “3808.9400”, by the deletion of the figure “35%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the word “Free”;
- (b) in Chapter 40, in the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “4016.9200”, by the deletion of the figure “45%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the word “Free”;
- (c) in Chapter 42, in TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “4203.2100”; “4203.2900”, by the deletion of the figure “45%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “20%”;
- (d) in Chapter 56, in the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “5608.1100”, by the deletion of the figure “45%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “20%”;
- (e) in Chapter 74 —
 - (i) in the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “7415.3300”, by the deletion of the figure “45%” appearing in the column

- “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “20%”,
- (ii) in TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “7418.1000”; “7418.2000”, by the deletion of the figure “45%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “25%”;
- (f) in Chapter 76, in the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “7616.1000”, by the deletion of the figure “45%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “20%”;
- (g) in Chapter 85 —
- (i) in TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8517.6200”; “8523.5990”, by the deletion of the figure “10%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the word “Free”,
 - (ii) by the insertion, immediately after the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “8528.7100”, of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
8528.7110	--- Multi-media streaming device	10%			EPA	number

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- (iii) in TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8544.1100”; “8544.1900”, by the deletion of the figure “25%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “20%”,
 - (iv) in TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8544.2000”; “8544.4200”; “8544.4910”; “8544.4990”, by the deletion of the figure “35%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “20%”,
 - (v) in TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8544.6000”; “8544.7000”, by the deletion of the figure “45%” appearing in the column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “20%”;
- (h) in Chapter 87 —
- (i) by the deletion of TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8702.1010”; “8702.1020”, and all the particulars related thereto and the substitution therefor of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
8702.1010**	--- New with only compression ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel)	Free			EPA	number
8702.1020**	--- Used with only compression ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number

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- (ii) by the deletion of TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8703.4010”; “8703.4020”; “8703.4030”; “8703.4040”; “8703.4050”; “8703.4060”, and all the particulars related thereto and the substitution therefor of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
8703.4010**	---New hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000	Free			EPA	number
8703.4020**	---New hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for	Free			EPA	number

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	propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000					
8703.4030**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.4040**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.4050**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.4060**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal	Free			EPA	number

	combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years					
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(iii) by the deletion of TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8703.5010”; “8703.5020”; “8703.5030”; “8703.5040”; “8703.5050”; “8703.5060”, and all the particulars related thereto and the substitution therefor of the following —

TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
8703.5010**	---New hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000	Free			EPA	number
8703.5020**	---New hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a	Free			EPA	number

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	value not exceeding \$50,000					
8703.5030**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.5040**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.5050**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.5060**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-	Free			EPA	number

	ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years					
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(iv) by the deletion of TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8703.6010”; “8703.6020”; “8703.6030”; “8703.6040”; “8703.6050”; “8703.6060”, and all the particulars related thereto and the substitution therefor of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE-MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
8703.6010**	--- New hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000	Free			EPA	number
8703.6020**	---New hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000	Free			EPA	number
8703.6030**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal	Free			EPA	number

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	combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years					
8703.6040**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.6050**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.6060**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number

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- (v) by the deletion of TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8703.7010”; “8703.7020”; “8703.7030”; “8703.7040”; “8703.7050”; “8703.7060”, and all the particulars related thereto and the substitution therefor of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
8703.7010**	--- New hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000	Free			EPA	number
8703.7020**	--New hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000	Free			EPA	number
8703.7030**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000 not	Free			EPA	number

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	exceeding 10 years					
8703.7040**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.7050**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8703.7060**	---Used hybrid motor vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10	Free			EPA	number

	years					
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(vi) by the deletion of TARIFF CODE Headings/Subheadings “8704.9010”; “8704.9020”; “8704.9030”; “8704.9040”; “8704.9050”; “8704.9060”, and all the particulars related thereto and the substitution therefor of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
8704.9010**	--- New hybrid with either spark-ignition internal combustion or compression-ignition combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) having an electric motor as motors for propulsion and electric vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000	Free			EPA	number
8704.9020**	---Used hybrid with either spark-ignition internal combustion or compression-ignition combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) having an electric motor as motors for propulsion and electric vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8704.9030**	---Used hybrid with either spark-ignition internal	Free			EPA	number

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	combustion or compression-ignition combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) having an electric motor as motors for propulsion and electric vehicles of a value exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years					
8704.9040**	---New hybrid with either spark-ignition internal combustion or compression-ignition combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) having an electric motor as motors for propulsion and electric vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000	Free			EPA	number
8704.9050**	---Used hybrid with either spark-ignition internal combustion or compression-ignition combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) having an electric motor as motors for propulsion and electric vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 not exceeding 10 years	Free			EPA	number
8704.9060**	---Used hybrid with either spark-ignition internal	Free			EPA	number

	combustion or compression-ignition combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) having an electric motor as motors for propulsion and electric vehicles of a value not exceeding \$50,000 exceeding 10 years					
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- (i) in Chapter 90, by the insertion, immediately after the TARIFF CODE Heading /Subheading "9033.0010", of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
9033.0020	---For hearing aids	Free			EPA	pound
9033.0030	---For pacemakers, stimulating heart muscles	Free			EPA	pound

- (j) in Chapter 94 —
- (i) by the deletion of the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “9401.6920”, and all the particulars related thereto,
- (ii) by the insertion, immediately after the TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading “9403.6010”, of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
9403.6020	--- Wooden work benches	10%			EPA	number

- (k) in Chapter 95, in the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “9506.9900”, by the deletion of the figure “45%” appearing in the

column “General Rate”, and the substitution therefor of the figure “20%”;

- (l) in Chapter 98 —
 - (i) by the deletion of the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “98.09” and the substitution therefor of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
98.09	General exemption for aircraft parts in transit and crafts parts and accessories for use by aircraft on scheduled international air services, by BahamasAir Holdings Limited, and chartered air services domestically and internationally.					

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- (ii) by the insertion, immediately after the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “9809.0040”, of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
9809.0050	Private aircrafts in transit	Free				

”

- (iii) by the insertion, immediately after the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “9815.0000”, of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
9815.0010	Goods recommended and approved by the Minister of Finance as building materials and supplies for the construction, renovation and repair of churches	Free				
9815.0020	Pastor and Priest - altar attire including robe, collar, shirt, stole, cassock or soutane, and clergy dresses; on application.	Free				

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- (iv) by the insertion, immediately after the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “9829.0080”, of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
9829.0090	Vessels in transit	Free				

”

- (v) by the insertion, immediately after the TARIFF CODE Heading/Subheading “9866.0000”, of the following —

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TARIFF CODE Heading/ Subheading	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	RATES OF DUTY				UNIT OF MEASURE- MENT
		General Rate	Specific Rate	Maximum Variable Rate	Applicable Preferential Rate	
98.67	Duty free exemptions for start-up, small, and medium businesses with prior approval					

	of the Minister.					
9867.0000	Items for start-up businesses deemed as first inventory stock	Free				
9867.0010	Commercial vehicles for start-up businesses to be used solely for the conduct of business provided that signage of the business is permanently affixed and prominently displayed	Free				
9867.0020	Commercial vehicles for existing businesses with an annual turnover of less than \$5 million to be used solely for the conduct of business provided that signage of the business is permanently affixed and prominently displayed	Free				
9867.0030	Items deemed as inventory stock for existing businesses with an annual turnover of less than \$5 million	Free				

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- (vi) in Note 3(a), by the insertion, immediately after item (14), of the following —
 “(14A) biodegradable farmers and related packing industries bags;”,
 - (vii) in Note 5(a), by the insertion, immediately after item (7), of the following —
 “(7A) biodegradable fishermen and related packing industries bags;”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend the Tariff Act to, *inter alia*, reduce the duty and tax on certain goods including screws, nails and tacks, and provide for duty free exemptions for start-up, small, and medium businesses with the prior approval of the Minister.