



FIJI REVENUE AND CUSTOMS SERVICE



AGRICULTURE SECTOR TAX INCENTIVES

The Fijian Government is committed towards the development of Agriculture and has accorded a number of tax concessions for this industry. This is to encourage fresh crop farming, food stability and to ensure the sustainability of the agricultural sector in Fiji.

CUSTOMS INCENTIVES ON AGRICULTURE

The following duty concession provisions allow for companies or individuals engaged in agriculture to import goods at the rates of Free Fiscal, Free Import Excise and 9% VAT. The application letter, support letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, invoice and bill of lading must be submitted to the FRCS Tariff and Trade Team for processing.

Customs Provisions	Approved Goods
Item 10 of the CTA: This concession is subject to the condition that a letter of support is issued by the Ministry of Agriculture.	Specialized agriculture, livestock and dairy machineries, equipment and agricultural inputs.
Code 231A of the CTA: For approved exporters of local fresh produce.	Approved packaging materials for packing of Fiji fresh produce or Fiji origin fish for export only.
Code 255 of the CTA: For entities involved in floriculture.	Seedling trays, oasis for flower arrangement and planting media or any other goods related to floriculture
Code 257 of the CTA: For companies and entities involved in green house hydroponic farming	Greenhouse and accessories for the installation of hydroponic equipment.
Code 268 of the CTA: For companies and entities involved in the beekeeping industry.	Beekeeping Equipment and Accessories
Code 271 of the CTA: Imported for use in farms for transporting fruits and vegetables from farms to warehouse factories.	Plastic Crates

For further clarifications regarding applications for support letter by the Ministry of Agriculture, please contact the AgTrade Team; Susana Tuivuya (susana.tuivuya@govnet.gov.fj) and Timoci Bogidua (timoci.bogidua@govnet.gov.fj) on 338 4233.

The following selected items can be imported without prior approval for duty concession as the items currently attract the rates of Free Fiscal, Free Import Excise and 9% VAT.

Concessionary Items

Agricultural Tractors, Tractor Implements (Furrow, Ridger Etc.), Ploughs, Seeders, No-till Direct Seeders, Planters and Transplanters, Manure Spreaders, Fertilizer Distributors, Haymaking Machinery, Straw or Fodder Balers, Including Pick-up Balers, Harvest Threshers, Threshing Machinery, Root and Tuber Harvesting Machines, Machines for Cleaning, Sorting or Grading Eggs, Fruit or Other Agricultural Produce, Milking Machines, Dairy Machinery, Poultry Incubators and Brooders, Liquid Pumps, Bulldozers, Graders, Levelers and Excavators.

TAXATION INCENTIVES ON AGRICULTURE

Commercial Agriculture and Agro Processing: Any new activity in commercial agricultural farming and agro-processing shall qualify for income exemption based on the following capital investment levels:

Capital Investment (\$)	Tax Holiday
\$100,000 - \$250,000	5 years
\$250,001 - \$1,000,000	10 years
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	15 years
More than \$2,000,001	20 years

Biofuel Production: A taxpayer undertaking a new activity in processing agricultural commodities into biofuels as approved by the CEO from 1st January 2009 to 31 December 2028 shall qualify for tax holiday based on the following level of capital investment. This incentive also includes corresponding duty concession provisions for the importation of machinery and chemicals required for the production of bio-diesel and ethanol.

Capital Investment (\$)	Tax Holiday
\$250,000 - \$1,000,000	5 years
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	7 years
More than \$2,000,001	13 years

Applications for the agriculture tax incentives can be lodged with Sherylin Hassan (shassan001@frcs.org.fj) and for customs concessions, please contact tariff&trade@frcs.org.fj.