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5 **IMPORT DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019**

6 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend Section 206A of the Import Duties Act 1989 to
7 exempt electric vehicles from import duty and other related purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

9 **§101. Short title.**

10 This Act may be cited as the Import Duties (Amendment) Act, 2019.

11 **§102. Amendments.**

12 1) Section 203 shall be amended as follows:

13 (e) "Customs Officer" means an employee of the Department of
14 Revenue and Taxation who has been designated as a customs
15 officer by the Chief or anyone who is deputized as such an
16 officer by the Chief or any designated Customs Officer
employee;

17 (f) "Electric Vehicles" means vehicles that are charged from an
18 external electricity source powered either solely by electric
19 batteries or a combination of electric batteries and petrol or
20 diesel engine, the latter of which is commonly known as
21 hybrid electric vehicles.

22 (g) "Goods" means all property;

23 (hg) "Minister" means the Minister of Finance;

1 2) Section 206A is amended to read as follows:

2 **§206A. Exemption for Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE)**
3 **equipments and Electric Vehicles.**

4 (2) No import duty shall be levied on Energy Efficient
5 equipments (initially air conditioning units, refrigerators and
6 freezers, fluorescent and LED lightings) which have an Energy
7 Star label or equivalent, imported into the Republic of the
8 Marshall Islands for the purposes of provision of services
9 using electrical power.

10 (3) No import duty shall be levied on Electric Vehicles imported
11 into the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

12 (34) Subsection (1), ~~and~~ (2) and (3) shall apply to the residential,
13 commercial and government sectors.

14 (45) Any person who is granted exemption under Subsections (1)
15 ~~, and~~ (2) and (3) shall sign a prescribed form that certifies the
16 imported RE and EE equipment and electric vehicle complies,
17 and declares thereby on the certificate the right of government
18 officers to inspect the equipment and vehicle. The prescribed
19 form is set out in Schedule 2 at the end of this Chapter.

20 3) Schedule 2 stated in Section 206A shall be amended as follows:

21 (1) Any reference to "RE and EE EQUIPMENT" shall include
22 ELECTRIC VEHICLES; and

23 (2) Any reference to "subsection 4" or any such variation shall be
24 amended to "subsection 5" or any such variation.

25 **§103. Effective Date.**

26 This Act shall take effect in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules
27 of Procedures of the Nitijela.

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4 **BILL SUMMARY**

5 This Bill proposes to also exempt Electric Vehicles from import duties under the
6 Import Duties Act 1989 into renewable energy and energy efficiency equipment.
7 Thus far, one company is already importing Electric Vehicles into the RMI and being
8 levied import duty, which is contradictory to the Government's position of moving
9 towards lower carbon emissions. Moreover, the DRAFT Climate Change Strategy
10 states that the RMI will expand the utilization of Electric Vehicles.

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