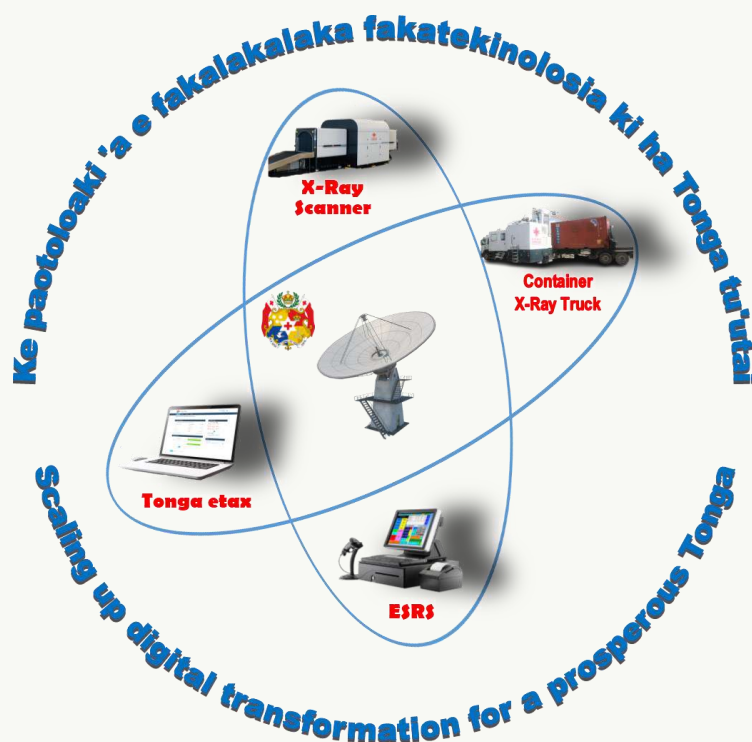


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## The Ministry of Revenue and Customs

Newsletter | January - February, 2023

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# WELCOMING OUR NEW CEO

The Ministry of Revenue and Customs (MoRCs) held a thanksgiving prayer service officially welcoming our new Chief Executive Officer Mr. Michael Cokanasiga.

The Minister had expressed the Ministry's joy to have Mr. Cokanasiga lead the Ministry and urged all staff to continue to serve and do their best under his leadership.

Mr. Cokanasiga acknowledged his predecessors but most especially MoRCs' former CEO Mr. Kelemete Vahe together with staff who are no longer with the Ministry stating that their contributions have enabled the Ministry to excel to the stage it is now noting that it was now upon us to uphold high standards and continuously work to improve. With that, he highlighted three key areas that will be the focus of initial reform in his role as CEO.

These are Professionalism, Efficiency and Integrity. CEO stressed that MoRC must continue to work tirelessly to perform all its services in professional manner to both internal and external stakeholders of MoRC. Additionally, CEO voiced his support for innovative thinking in the workplace to improve the efficiency of all Tax and Customs services. Lastly CEO emphasized the importance of integrity in all our individual roles but also when dealing with all our stakeholders. He concluded his speech encouraging staff to work together as a team in order to deliver our best for nation building.





# **INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY**

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### **THEME: “NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION BY PROMOTING A CULTURE OF KNOWLEDGE-SHARING AND PROFESSIONAL PRIDE IN CUSTOMS”**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of January each year, the world commemorates International Customs Day. Each year, the World Customs Organization mark this day by setting a theme relevant to current global issues that is aimed at guiding and inspiring Customs administrations around the world as they work to address these common global issues. This year’s theme is “Nurturing the next generation by Promoting a Culture of Knowledge-Sharing and Professional Pride in Customs”.

This year, the Ministry marked the day with an official program highlighting the importance of the theme to the overall functions of the Ministry as well as the contributions of our key development partners towards building the capacities of Tonga Customs to enable the same. Officers of the Ministry were joined by Chief Guest, the Honorable Minister of Revenue & Customs and the Minister of Finance, Hon. Tiofilusi Tiueti, as well as representatives of Foreign Diplomatic representatives to the Kingdom of Tonga.



# CONSULTATIONS & MEETINGS

**Meeting with Tongan Police Commissioner** - This meeting's aim was to discuss opportunities for enhanced cooperation and coordination efforts between Tonga Police and MORC.

**Time Release Study (TRS)** - Trade Division within the Ministry, in collaboration with the World Bank hosted a workshop on Time Release Study Exports. This workshop was led by the Ministry with assistance of experts Mrs. Theresa Morrissey and Mr. Allen Bruford from the World Bank and was attended by Shipping Agencies, Customs Brokers and exporters. The key objectives of this workshop were to measure the actual time for import/export/transit cargo to be released and/or cleared, to identify and document bottlenecks in the cargo released and/or clearance processes, recommended improvements to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the cargo release and/or clearance processes and to implement approved performance improvements.

**Clay Energy Training** - Training about clearing some concerns about CT Payments and other issues raised from the attendees.

**Ransomware Awareness** - Two officers from Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) conducted an awareness for MORC staff about a type of malware called Ransomware. It is a common and dangerous type of malware; it works by locking up or encrypting your files so that you can no longer access them. A ransom, usually in the form of crypto-currency, is demanded to restore access to the files, or to prevent data and intellectual property from being leaked or sold online. The purpose of this awareness is to inform government staff and also the people of Tonga, that Ransomware has attacked our Kingdom and to also enlighten us on the mechanisms to overcome this issue.







From milestones and targets, to motivation and progress; from failures and setbacks, to moving ahead and success; you stood with us through all these things, your leadership is what has given us wings. WE SALUTE YOU!



*Soane Patita Kelemete Vahe*

**SUNRISE: 09/10/1958 - SUNSET: 27/02/2023**

Your sudden death has touched our lives and  
hearts dear colleague

The way you have inspired us has touched us even  
more

SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND FLY HIGH!



**LOTA LAPULOU 'EUKALIFI**

**SUNRISE: 26/05/1970 - SUNSET: 27/01/2023**



# REMINDERS!

**The Revenue Services Administration (Electronic Sales Register System) Regulations 2022 in Regulation 2 authorizes the list of Specified Taxpayers. The requirements for the ESRS will only apply to the specified taxpayers on this list below;**

No	Taxpayers	TIN	Locations
1	Jilong Enterprise Ltd	261834	Fasimoeafi (Wholesaler/Retailer) & Longolongo
2	Mr. Qingzhong Jiang (Sione Siaina)	504267	Anana, Fanga, Ha'alalo, Ha'ateiho, Halaleva, Kolofou, Kolomotu'a, Lapaha, Ma'ufanga 1, Ma'ufanga 2, Nualei, Nukunuku, Pahu, Pili, Tufuenga & Fasimoeafi
3	Hua Long Enterprises Company Ltd	390545	Ha'ateiho, Mataika (Wholesaler/Retailer), Ma'ufanga, Ngele'ia, Kolofou, Longolongo, Fanga, Tofoa 1, Tofoa 2, Hofoa & Fo'ui
4	3Q Trading Company Limited	433037	Pea
5	Imperial Construction Limited	268288	Lapaha, Longolongo, Fatumu, 'Utulau, Lakepa, Vaini, Tofoa 1, Kolomotu'a, Ma'ufanga, Makaunga & Tofoa 2
6	Brilliant Star Enterprise Limited	400930	Fasimoeafi
7	Ben's Company Limited	488570	Kolovai, Te'ekiu, Kolomotu'a
8	Jin Xiang Company Limited	262299	Nukunuku 1, Vaini, Nukunuku 2, Ahau, Ngele'ia & Poutaha
9	Heng Sheng Trading Co. Ltd (Fakalata Store)	433604	Fanga
10	Harmony Enterprises Limited	262749	Vaini 1, Fo'ui, Halaleva, Vaini 2, Vaini 3 (Tolitolu) & Lavengatonga
11	Great Wall Enterprises Ltd	395430	Neiafu 1 & Kameli
12	Vava'u Shopping Centre Ltd (Luke)	442277	Neiafu
13	Sheng Hui Trade Company Limited Trading as Sheng Hui Shopping (Siaki)	461775	Neiafu 1 (Sailoame) & Neiafu 2 (Puataukanave)
14	Xing Yuan Enterprises Co. Ltd	449030	Neiafu (Masilamea)
15	Pac Ocean Enterprises Limited	392846	Ma'ufanga, Ha'akame & Patangata
16	Zenith Company Limited	587888	Fangaloto
17	Starfish Limited	506245	Mailetaha (Fanga)
18	Sandy's Daily Necessities Limited	640659	Ma'ufanga
19	Rainbow Development Co Ltd	259172	Fanga
20	Glory Company Ltd	394556	Ma'ufanga, Haveluloto & Fanga
21	W & F Company Ltd	268037	Pea, Fatai, Ha'akame & Puke
22	Tang Dynasty Limited	459817	Haveluloto
23	Sunny Ocean Enterprises Co Ltd	269990	Kolofou

**Ministry of Revenue & Customs wishes to inform public that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Rollout list of Specified Taxpayers for the operation of the Electronic Sales Register System under Revenue Services Administration (Electronic Sales Register System) Regulation 2022, has been released and is shown below. Please note that these new Specified Taxpayers are an addition to the first Specified list which was announced in July, 2022.**

No.	Taxpayer	TIN	Location
28	Dingdong Company Ltd	537292	Tongatapu
29	East Chang Trading Limited	499688	Tongatapu
30	Yong Chang Trading Limited	462350	Tongatapu
31	Express Trading Company Limited	468583	Tongatapu
32	Victory Company Limited	492722	Tongatapu
33	Pacific Zhong Da Import/Export Ltd	354493	Tongatapu
34	Lavinia Pule Lino Trading as LEI SIGNS	336776	Tongatapu
35	Regal Hardware Ltd	1089321	Tongatapu
36	‘Uiha and Sons Group Limited	262718	Tongatapu
37	Maui ‘Atalanga Trading Limited	487500	Tongatapu
38	Ming Long Limited	406565	Tongatapu
39	Peni Julie Mafi Store Company Limited	268161	Tongatapu
40	Sandrea Enterprise Limited	487098	Tongatapu
41	Forever Limited	473712	Tongatapu
42	Huaxing Trading Limited	500074	Tongatapu
43	Hua Yuang Enterprises Ltd	437419	Tongatapu
44	Jungle Sea Company Ltd	462604	Tongatapu
45	Paramount Cosmetics Ltd	501044	Tongatapu
46	Propitious Star Enterprises Ltd	451235	Tongatapu
47	Shen Long Limited	461397	Tongatapu
48	Wang Sheng Limited	262512	Tongatapu
49	Rodney Tu’inukuafe Trading as Rod King Distillers	432139	Tongatapu





**POTUNGAUE TANAKI PA'ANGA  
HUMAI MO E TUTE**

**MISINI TALI TOTONGI 'I HENI**

**KAMATA 'I HE 'AHO 1 SIULAI 2022:**

**1. 'EKE HO'O TALI  
TOTONGI**

**2. KA 'IKAI 'OATU,  
FETU'UTAKI MAI KI HE**



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***TONGA CUSTOMS HOTLINE***

**HELP US PROTECT THE KINGDOM OF TONGA !**

Have you noticed something unusual on or around the coastline, aircraft, vessel, container or a person WITHOUT Customs Knowledge in Tonga? As a member of the community it's our role using our local knowledge to identify anything that is unusual or suspicious. Please do report us any suspicious activity to our 24-hour hotline number free-of-charge at any time regardless how minor it is.

**CALL 0800123**

*Your safety is in our hand, Your Identity will be protected*



### **Prohibited importation of passenger vehicles over 15yrs old**

This notice informs the general public and Tongans living abroad that importation of any passenger's vehicles older than 15 years (year 2008 or less) are no longer permitted. This notice has been given before but this serves as a polite reminder that **NO** passenger vehicles with a manufacturing date of more than 15 years are allowed for import. Please contact our main office of Tonga Customs directly at 7400-650 if you still require additional information on this matter.

Respectfully,  
Ministry of Revenue & Customs

### **Migration to ASYCUDA World System**

To all Licensed Customs brokers and Individual goods declarants in Tongatapu. You are hereby notified that the Ministry of Revenue and Customs will not be accepting any CMS declarations with C11, C12 and C13 submissions after Friday 24th of February 2023.

All declarations submitted to Customs commencing on Monday 27th of February onwards must be via ASYCUDA World system.

Should you require further clarification please contact our Customs office on telephone number 7400-650.

Respectfully,  
Ministry of Revenue & Customs

### **Tax Identification Number (TIN) - Customs Requirement**

Tu'unga 'i he nga'unu koia 'a e Kasitomu (Customs) ki he polokalama ASYCUDA World, 'oku 'oatu ai 'a e fanongonongo ko eni ki he kakai kotoa 'oku nau teu hū mai pē 'oku 'osi hū mai ha'amou uta mei tu'apule'anga (import) pē ko ha'o 'ave uta ki tu'apule'anga (export), kātaki kemou 'uluaki me'a mai ki he 'Ofisi 'o e Tukahau 'i he Hala One Way ke fakahoko hono teuteu'i atu 'a ho'omou pepa fika tukuhau pē 'oku 'iloa koe Tax Identification Number (TIN) kimu'a peake lava atu ke piki 'a ho'o uta.

Ko e taha eni 'i he ngaahi fiema'u mahu'inga ki hono teuteu'i 'a ho'o pepa tute 'e he ngaahi kautaha Broker.

Ki ha'o toe faka'eke'eke, fetu'utaki mai ki he 26-432 ki he 'Ofisi Tukahau pē koe 7400-650 ki he 'Ofisi Kasitomu.

Mālō 'aupito,

Potungāue Tānaki Pa'anga Hū Mai mo e Tute!



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