

Imposing an Excise Duty on Importation of Ethyl Alcohol(Ethanol)

By virtue of powers vested in him under Subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), Minister of Finance and Planning has ordered an amendment to the Excise Duty on Ethyl Alcohol, with effect from 21st January 2014, as indicated in the schedule below.

	Column I Article	Column II imported litres per month	Column III Rate of duty (Rs per bulk litre)
1	Spirit (Ethyl Alcohol) to be used by government approved research & educational institutions, hospitals and government departments.	Up to 10,000 litres	Free
		Up to 20,000 litres	Rs. 500/=
		Above 20,000 litres	Rs. 900/=
2	Spirit (Ethyl Alcohol) to be used in the production of medicinal preparations & industrial products which are final products that do not subject to Excise Duty. (These conditions should be applied to spirits which are used for re-distillation, as well.)	Up to 500 litres	Rs. 75/=
		Up to 10,000 litres	Rs. 400/=
		Up to 20,000 litres	Rs. 500/=
		Above 20,000 litres	Rs. 900/=
3	Spirit (Ethyl Alcohol) to be used in the manufacturing of Alcohol	For each litre	Rs. 100/=*
4	Impure Ethyl Alcohol spirits (Technical spirits/weak spirits)	For each litre	Rs. 875/=

* The duty charged on local purchase/import of spirits (Ethyl Alcohol), is charged as a withholding tax which is allowed to be set off against the Excise Duty payable on liquor manufactured using such spirits (Ethyl Alcohol).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other notification, the above rates of Excise Duty shall be paid at the same time of importation of Ethyl Alcohol and impure Ethyl Alcohol spirits.

Excise notification No. 958 published in the Gazette Extraordinary 1821/3 of 29.07.2013 has been rescinded.

This order is effective from 21.01.2014.