

CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2025

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**CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT ACT
(CHAPTER 293)**

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The Minister in exercise of the powers conferred by section 359 of the Customs Management Act, makes the following regulations —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Customs Management (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2025.

2. Insertion of new regulation 78A into the principal Regulations.

The principal Regulations are amended by the insertion, immediately after regulation 78 of the following as a new regulation 78A —

“78A. Frequent Digital Cruising Card for pleasure aircraft.

- (1) The Comptroller may issue a Frequent Digital Cruising Card (FDCC) for the following purposes —
 - (a) submission and processing of an application made under regulations 10(2);
 - (b) requirements for pleasure aircraft issued with a FDCC include the following —
 - (i) the aircraft must report to the Customs authority upon each entry for clearance;
 - (ii) only propeller operated aircrafts shall apply;
 - (iii) all applicable fees must be paid;
 - (iv) the aircraft's registration number shall be linked to the FDCC;
 - (v) every sixth passenger and each passenger thereafter shall pay a fee of \$50 on departure;
 - (vi) pay attendance fees applicable for the attendance and travel expenses of a Customs officer as required under regulation 7; and
 - (vii) the FDCC shall permit unlimited visits for a period not exceeding two years from the date of issuance.
- (2) The FDCC shall be valid for two years.

- (3) The fees for FDCC for a pleasure aircraft shall be two thousand dollars.
- (4) An aircraft that has been issued a FDCC shall be exempt from —
 - (a) the processing fees specified under regulation 147B (iii) and (iv); and
 - (b) the departure tax imposed under item 1 of the First Schedule to the Passenger Tax Act (*Ch. 379*).

3. Insertion of new regulations 89B into the principal Regulations.

The principal Regulations are amended by the insertion, immediately after regulation 89A of the following as a new regulation 89B —

“ 89B. Frequent Digital Cruising Card for pleasure vessel.

- (1) The Comptroller may issue a Frequent Digital Cruising Card (FDCC) for the following purposes —
 - (a) submission and processing of an application made under regulations 90, 91(3), (5) and (6), 91B and 92;
 - (b) the requirements for pleasure vessels issued with a FDCC include the following —
 - (i) the vessel must report to the Customs authority upon each entry for clearance;
 - (ii) upon approval, the vessel shall be issued a Pleasure Craft Request (PCR) number that shall be used for all subsequent voyages;
 - (iii) all applicable fees must be paid;
 - (iv) the vessel's registration number shall be linked to the FDCC;
 - (v) the FDCC shall permit unlimited visits for a period not exceeding two years from the date of issuance.”.
- (2) The FDCC shall be valid for two years.
- (3) The fees for FDCC shall be, for a vessel —
 - (a) not exceeding thirty-four feet in length, one thousand five hundred dollars;
 - (b) exceeding thirty-four feet in length, but not exceeding one hundred feet in length, two thousand five hundred dollars;
 - (c) exceeding one hundred feet in length, eight thousand dollars.”.
- (d) pay attendance fees payable in respect of attendance and travel expenses by a Customs officers pursuant to regulation 7.

4. Amendment of regulation 91 of the principal Regulations.

Regulations 91 of the principal Regulation is amended —

- (1) A temporary cruising permit shall be issued on Form No. C39, on —
 - (a) approval of the application made under regulation 90(c); and
 - (b) payment of the fee specified under paragraph (2).
- (2) The fee for a temporary cruising permit referred to under paragraph (1) shall be, for a vessel —
 - (a) not exceeding thirty-four feet in length, five hundred dollars for a period not exceeding twelve months;
 - (b) exceeding thirty-four feet in length, but not exceeding one hundred feet in length, one thousand dollars for a period not exceeding twelve months;
 - (c) in excess of one hundred feet in length, three thousand dollars for a period not exceeding twelve months.”;
- (3) The fees referred to in paragraph (2) shall cover the costs of —
 - (a) a cruising permit under regulation 90(a);
 - (b) attendance fees payable in respect of attendance and travel expenses by a Customs officer pursuant to regulation 7; and
 - (c) overtime and travel expenses in respect of the attendance of an Immigration officer.
- (4) Subparagraphs (a) to (c) of paragraph (2) shall not apply for ancillary equipment being towed or on board a pleasure vessel excluding tenders exceeding twenty-five feet in length.
- (5) Where a pleasure vessel carries more than three passengers, every additional passenger of or above the age of six years who is not an ordinary resident of The Bahamas shall be subject to a tax of thirty dollars as specified under the Passenger Tax Act.
- (6) The fee for a tender vessel exceeding twenty-five feet shall be five hundred dollars for a period not exceeding twelve months.
- (7) The fees for a foreign pleasure vessel fishing permit shall be, for a vessel —
 - (i) not exceeding thirty-four feet, one hundred dollars;
 - (ii) exceeding thirty-four feet, three hundred dollars.
- (8) The fee for a pleasure vessel shall permit the vessel to enter The Bahamas two times within a thirty-day period.”.

5. Insertion of new regulation 91B into the principal Regulations.

The principal Regulations are amended by the insertion, immediately after regulation 91A, of the following new regulation 91B —

“91B. Anchorage fees.

The anchorage fees for foreign pleasure vessels, not mooring at a marina, shall be, for a vessel —

- (a) not exceeding thirty-four feet in length, two hundred dollars;
- (b) exceeding thirty-four feet in length, but not exceeding one hundred feet in length, three hundred and fifty dollars;
- (c) exceeding one hundred feet in length, one thousand, five hundred dollars.

6. Amendment of regulation 93 of the principal Regulations.

Paragraph (1)(b) of regulation 93 of the principal Regulations is amended by the deletion of sub subparagraph (ii), and the substitution therefor of the following as new sub subparagraph (ii) —

“(ii) the payment of the applicable fee as specified in regulation 91 (2), for each extension period approved by the Minister;”.

7. Amendment of the Third Schedule to the principal Regulations.

The Third Schedule to the principal regulations is amended by the insertion, in the appropriate position, of the following —

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GOODS	FEE/SURCHARGE
Lightering LNG	\$0.03 cent per gallon
Bunkering LNG	\$0.03 cent per gallon
Lightering sulfur diesel	\$0.06 cent per gallon
Bunkering sulfur diesel	\$0.06 cent per gallon

N.B. For the avoidance of doubt, fees for bunkering and lightering shall not be applied concurrently for the same transaction. Payment of one fee shall preclude the imposition of the other fee.”.

Made this day of , 2025.

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE