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EIGHTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1993

C. B. NO. 8-3

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 54 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by further amending section 201, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 5-81 and 7-54, for the purpose of lowering the import tax on food, and exempting construction materials from the import tax, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 201 of title 54 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos.
3 5-81 and 7-54, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 201. Import taxes - Levy and rates. The
5 following import taxes are hereby levied on all products
6 specified herein which are imported into the Federated
7 States of Micronesia for resale except that the taxes
8 levied under subsections (1), (2), (5), (6), and (7) of
9 this section shall apply to products which are imported
10 into the Federated States of Micronesia for personal use
11 and consumption as well as for resale:

12 (1) cigarettes, at the rate of twenty-five percent
13 ad valorem, except that any person may bring into any
14 State of the Federated States of Micronesia up to one
15 carton or two hundred cigarettes per trip tax-free, if
16 such cigarettes are for that person's use and
17 consumption and not for resale;

18 (2) tobacco, other than cigarettes, at the rate of
19 fifty percent ad valorem, except that any person may
20 bring into any State of the Federated States of
21 Micronesia up to one pound of tobacco or twenty cigars
22 per trip tax-free, if such tobacco products are for that
23 person's use and consumption and not for resale;

24 (3) perfumery, cosmetics, and toiletries, including
25 cologne and other toilet waters, articles of perfumery,

1 whether in sachets or otherwise, and all skin
2 preparations used as applications to the hair or skin,
3 lipsticks, pomades, powders, and other toilet
4 preparations not having medicinal properties, at the
5 rate of twenty-five percent ad valorem;

6 (4) soft drinks, drink mixes, drink preparations,
7 coffee, tea, and nonalcoholic beverages, at the rate of
8 twenty-five percent ad valorem;

9 (5) beer and malt beverages, at the rate of twenty-
10 five percent ad valorem;

11 (6) distilled alcoholic beverages, at the rate of
12 ten dollars per wine gallon, except that any person
13 permitted by applicable State law to possess, consume,
14 and use distilled alcoholic beverages, may bring into
15 such State of the Federated States tax-free, an amount
16 of liquor not to exceed two-fifths of a wine gallon per
17 trip, if such liquor is for his personal use and
18 consumption and not for resale;

19 (7) wine, at the rate of twenty-five percent ad
20 valorem, except that this tax shall not apply to any
21 religious organization which is importing or receiving
22 into the Federated States sacramental wine for use in
23 the religious rites of such organization;

24 (8) foodstuffs for human consumption, at the rate
25 of ~~three~~ one percent ad valorem; provided, however, that

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1 fresh citrus fruit shall be at the rate of ~~twenty-five~~
2 three percent ad valorem;

3 (9) gasoline and diesel fuel, at the rate of five
4 cents per gallon;

5 (10) laundry bar soap, at the rate of one hundred
6 percent ad valorem; and

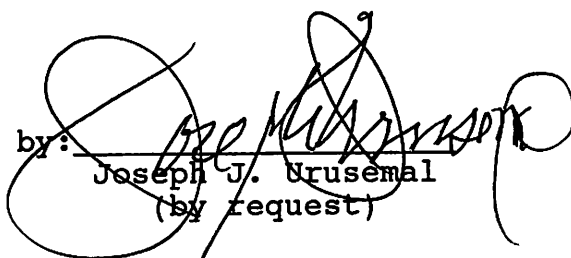
7 (11) all other imported products, except those
8 specified above and except construction materials, at
9 the rate of four percent ad valorem."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective 90 days after it
11 becomes law.

12 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
13 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
14 becoming law without such approval.

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16 Date: 5/11/93

Introduced by:


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