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Subject: Changes in Duties at entry for ALL products (implementation of Social Welfare Surcharge)

To whom it may concern

The budget 2018-2019 brought some changes that can be of importance to our Belgian exporters.

Main change in duties at import

In the budget 2018-2019 it was decided to abolish the Education Cess and the Higher Education Cess. It has been replaced by Social Welfare Surcharge.

The Education Cess was a duty of 2% calculated on the Basic Customs Duty.

The Secondary and Higher Education Cress was a duty of 1% calculated on the Basic Customs Duty.

The new Social Welfare Surcharge is 10% calculated in the Basic Customs Duty.

This is an **increase of 6.3 %** of the total duties to be paid at import(GST included)

Specific change in duties at import

Some changes in duties were also implemented since 01/02/2018

Items	Basic Customs Duty before 01/02/2018	Basic Customs Duty after 01/02/2018
Perfumes, beauty products covered under 3303 to 3307, footwear	10%	20%
Cellular mobile phones	15%	20%
Specified parts/Accessories of mobile phones	10%	15%
LCD/LED/OLED panels of televisions	10%	15%
Radial tyres for trucks and buses	10%	15%
Cut Polished gemstones, diamonds (other than rough cut diamonds)	2.5%	5%
Imitation Jewellery	15%	20%
Solar tempered glass for solar cells	5%	0%

If more specific information is needed, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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