

S.I. 13 of 2008

## TOURISM (INCENTIVES) ACT

(Cap 240)

**Tourism (Incentives) (Amendment of Schedules)  
Regulations, 2008**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 of the Tourism (Incentives) Act, the Minister of Finance hereby makes the following Regulations —

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Tourism (Incentives) (Amendment of Schedules) Regulations, 2008.

Citation and  
Commencement

2. The Tourism (Incentives) Act is amended by repealing and replacing the Schedules as follows —

Amendment of  
Schedules**“ SCHEDULE 1****PART 1****Licensed Accommodation****Trades Tax and GST Concessions**

Construction <sup>1</sup> Materials and capital equipment	Mifor Operating Equipment	Consumables	Motor Vehicles	Buses for staff transportation
0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	1 vehicle for every 10 rooms or part thereof up to 30 rooms and 1 additional for every 20 rooms thereafter, at 25% Trades Tax rate or 25% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher.	1 bus for every 25 rooms or part thereof, all at applicable rate of Trades Tax.
0% GST	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value

<sup>1</sup> Golf carts for use of transportation of clients will be treated as Capital Equipment.



**PART 2****Social Security Contributions and G.O.P Concessions**

Social Security Contribution		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution	Maximum Allowable Foreign Workers:
Non-Seychellois 0%	Applicable Rate	First 1 to 50 workers 30%
		Next 51 to 200 workers 60%
		Excess of 200* 80%
Seychellois	Applicable Rate	G.O.P fees at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the Immigration Regulations per person per month
50% Applicable Rate		

In case of a non-Seychellois employee, where the Employer's Contribution specified above is 0% of the rates in the Social Security Act of 1987, the employer shall take out an acceptable policy of health insurance in respect of each employee.

In the event that sufficient qualified Seychellois workers are not available an increase above the 80% foreign worker, limit may be considered for the establishment at the same rate of GOP.

\*In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25% GOP fee shall be payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated in the Immigration Regulations.

**PART 3****Hotel Consumables and Guest Consumables**

Hotel Consumables	Guest Consumables
<b>Minibar</b>	<b>Bathroom Amenities</b>
• Bottle/ wine opener	• Soap: 35g and 60g
• Stirrer	• Bath foam
	• Shampoo/Conditioner
<b>Food and Beverage</b>	• Body Lotion
• Disposable chopsticks/skewers	• Cotton Pads
• Kitchen supplies such as paper napkins, cling films, aluminum foil, gloves etc.	• Shower gel
• Toothpicks	• Sanitary bags
• Sterno and similar	• Dental kit
• Charcoal	• Emery board
• Disposable chef hats	• Make-up removal pads
• Disposable bar supplies	• Cotton buds
	• Sun tanning lotion

<u>Office Supplies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stationery</li> <li>• Computer supplies</li> <li>• Photocopier supplies</li> <li>• Fax machine supplies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eau de Toilette</li> <li>• Shower cap</li> <li>• Refreshing towels</li> <li>• Box of tissues</li> <li>• Rolls of toilet paper</li> <li>• Sanitary disposable bags</li> <li>• Pair of slippers</li> <li>• Bath vase</li> <li>• Mouthwash</li> <li>• Toothbrush kit</li> <li>• Disposable razors/shaving cream</li> <li>• Matches</li> <li>• Emergency sewing kit</li> <li>• Shoehorn</li> <li>• Shopping bags/Beach bags</li> <li>• Shoe polish wipes</li> <li>• Beauty products for exclusive salon</li> </ul>
<u>Housekeeping</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satin padded or wooden hangers</li> <li>• Cotton laundry bags</li> <li>• Flags</li> <li>• Iron Starch</li> <li>• Detergent</li> <li>• Fabric Softener</li> <li>• Dry Cleaning solvent</li> <li>• Insect/Pest repellents</li> <li>• Other cleaning supplies</li> </ul>	
<u>Guestroom</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stationery</li> <li>• Umbrella</li> <li>• Insect repellent/Mosquito net</li> <li>• Ice Bucket with lid</li> <li>• Disposable laundry bags</li> <li>• Tumblers</li> </ul>	
<u>Engineering Consumables</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lubricants</li> <li>• Refrigerants</li> <li>• Gardening supplies</li> <li>• Electrical fittings</li> <li>• Glues (for wood, PVC etc.)</li> </ul>	
<u>General</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff uniforms</li> <li>• Balloons and other decorations</li> <li>• Candles</li> <li>• First Aid Kit</li> </ul>	

## SCHEDULE 2

## PART 1

Island Resort HotelsTrades Tax and GST Concessions

Construction Materials and capital equipment	Minor Operating Equipment	Consumables	Motor Vehicles
		Hotel/Guest	
0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	Maximum of 3 vehicles* out of which not more than one vehicle can be based on Mahe

0% GST	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value	Trades Tax on the vehicles will be at 25% or 25% of the applicable rate of Trades Tax whichever is higher.  GST at concessionary taxable value  *Pick-up trucks, exceeding 3 tons will be prohibited for use on Mahe.
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<sup>2</sup> Golf carts for use of transportation of clients will be treated as Capital Equipment.

Refrigerated and insulated trucks HS 8704,4000 will be treated as capital equipment

## PART 2

### Social Security Contributions and G.O.P Concessions

Social Security Contribution		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota	
Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution	Maximum Allowable Foreign Workers:	
Non-Seychellois 0%	Applicable Rate	First 1 to 50 workers	50%
		Next 51 to 200 workers	70%
		Excess of 200*	90% 35% of the specified rates as stated in the Immigration Regulations per person per month
Seychellois	Applicable Rate		
50% Applicable Rate			

In case of a non-Seychellois employee, where the employer's contribution specified above is 0% of the rates in the Social Security Act of 1987, the employer shall take out an acceptable policy of health insurance in respect of each employee.

\* In the event that sufficient qualified Seychellois workers are not available an increase above the 90% foreign worker limit may be considered for the establishment at the same rate of GOP.

\*In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GOP fee shall be payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated in the Immigration Regulations

## PART 3

**Hotel Consumables and Guest Consumables**

Hotel Consumables	Guest Consumables
<b>Minibar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottle/ wine opener</li> <li>• Stirrer</li> </ul>	<b>Bathroom Amenities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soap: 35g and 60g</li> <li>• Bath foam</li> <li>• Shampoo/Conditioner</li> <li>• Body Lotion</li> <li>• Cotton Pads</li> <li>• Shower gel</li> <li>• Sanitary bags</li> <li>• Dental kit</li> <li>• Emery board</li> <li>• Make-up removal pads</li> </ul>
<b>Food and Beverage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disposable chopsticks/skewers</li> <li>• Kitchen supplies such as paper napkins, cling films, aluminum foil, gloves etc.</li> <li>• Toothpicks</li> <li>• Stermo and similar</li> <li>• Charcoal</li> <li>• Disposable chef hats</li> <li>• Disposable bar supplies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cotton buds</li> <li>• Sun tanning lotion</li> <li>• Eau de Toilette</li> <li>• Shower cap</li> <li>• Refreshing towels</li> <li>• Box of tissues</li> <li>• Rolls of toilet paper</li> <li>• Sanitary disposable bags</li> <li>• Pair of slippers</li> <li>• Bath vase</li> <li>• Mouthwash</li> <li>• Toothbrush kit</li> <li>• Disposable razors/shaving cream</li> <li>• Matches</li> <li>• Emergency sewing kit</li> <li>• Shoehorn</li> <li>• Shopping bags/Beach bags</li> <li>• Shoe polish wipes</li> <li>• Beauty products for exclusive salon</li> </ul>
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<b>Housekeeping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satin padded or wooden hangers</li> <li>• Cotton laundry bags</li> <li>• Flaps</li> <li>• Iron Starch</li> <li>• Detergent</li> <li>• Fabric Softener</li> <li>• Dry Cleaning solvent</li> <li>• Insect/Pest repellents</li> <li>• Other cleaning supplies</li> </ul>	
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| <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff uniforms</li> <li>• Balloons and other decorations</li> <li>• Candles</li> <li>• First Aid Kit</li> </ul> |
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### SCHEDULE 3

#### PART 1

#### Restaurant outside Licensed Accommodations

#### Trades Tax and GST Concessions

Construction <sup>3</sup> Materials and capital equipment	Minor Operating Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Boat and Boat Engine
0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	1 vehicle at 25% Trades Tax rate or 50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher.	0% Trades Tax
0% GST	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value	0% GST for 1 boat

<sup>3</sup> Construction materials includes all materials used during the construction or major renovation phase of the Stand alone restaurants which has been approved by the Ministry

<sup>4</sup> Applies only to restaurants (stand alone) which are not accessible by roads or have any public ferry service operating in that location.

#### PART 2

#### Social Security, G.O.P Concessions

Social Security Contributions		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution	M.A.F.W=2 persons or 30% (whichever the higher).
Non-Seychellois 0%	Applicable Rate	35% of the specified rates as stated in the Immigration Regulations per person per month.
Seychellois 50% Applicable Rate	Applicable Rate	

In case of a non-Seychellois employee, where the Employer's contribution specified above is 0% of the rates in the Social Security Act of 1987, the employer shall take out an acceptable policy of health insurance in respect of each employee.

\*In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GOP fee shall be payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated in the Immigration Regulations.

#### SCHEDULE 4

##### PART 1

##### Casino Operator

##### Trades Tax and GST Concessions

Capital Equipment	Minor Operating Equipment	Motor Vehicles
0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	1 vehicle at 25% Trades Tax rate or 50 % of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher
0% GST	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value

##### PART 2

##### Social Security, G.O.P Concessions

Social Security Contributions		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
<u>Employer's Contribution</u>	<u>Employee's Contribution</u>	M.A.F.W=5 persons or 30% (whichever is higher)* 35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP Regulations per person per month.
Non-Seychellois	0%	
Applicable	Rate	
Seychellois	Applicable Rate	
50% Applicable Rate		

\*In the event that sufficient Seychellois workers are not available an increase above 30% foreign worker limit may be considered for the establishment at the same rate of GOP.

In case of a non-Seychellois employee, where the Employer's contribution specified above is 0% of the rates in the Social Security Act of 1987, the employer shall take out an acceptable policy of health insurance in respect of each employee.

In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GOP fee shall be payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated in the Immigration Regulations.

## SCHEDULE 5

### **Main Contractors and Subcontractors during Construction Phase Major Renovation/Extension on any approved Tourism Hotel Project of SR 25 million or greater**

#### PART 1

#### **Main Contractors**

- (i) **Capital Equipment**  
0% Trades tax, 0% GST
- (ii) **Royalties:**  
Royalties paid to a non resident shall be exempt from withholding tax.
- (iii) **\*GST:**  
GST on professional service fees received by the following persons architect, engineer and quantity surveyor carrying on business in Seychelles, that would otherwise be liable to the payment of GST, shall be exempt from GST.
- (iv) **Social Security:**

	Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution
Non Seychellois	0% provided that an acceptable health insurance policy is taken for all expatriate employees	Applicable Rate
Seychellois	50% Applicable Rate	Applicable Rate
- (v) **GOP allowance and fees**

60% non-Seychellois at GOP fee at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the Immigration Regulations per person per month

\* In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GOP shall be payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated in the Immigration Regulations

**(vi) Fuel (diesel only)**

(Trades Tax exemption on fuel used by plant and equipment on construction site, the amount used to be endorsed by the designated project manager)

**(vii) Motor vehicles**

Contractors shall be granted concessions on 3 commercial vehicles not exceeding 3 tons. This should not include passenger type vehicles other than twin cabs at 25%, or 50% of the applicable trades tax rate whichever is higher.

For the purpose of this Act overseas companies must register with registrar in order to benefit from the concession under this Act

## PART 2

### Subcontractors

Concessions to be granted only for the following activities:

- (a) Electrical
- (b) Plumbing
- (c) Pest Control
- (d) Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- (e) Blasters

(1) Trades and GST

Trades Tax and GST exemption on:

Tools and equipment to be used on the construction site  
(Bill of entry has to be endorsed by the designated project  
manager/main contractor)

(2) Social Security Contributions

(a) For Seychellois employees:

- (i) Employer's Social Security contribution:  
capped at 50% of applicable rate
- (ii) Employee's Social Security contribution at  
applicable rate

(b) For non-Seychellois employees:

- (i) Employer's Social Security contribution at 0%  
provided that an acceptable health insurance  
policy is taken for all expatriate employees.
- (ii) Employee's Social Security contribution at  
applicable rate

(3) GOP

\* 60% non-Seychellois at GOP fee at 35% of the specified  
rates as stated in the Immigration Regulation per person  
per month. This shall be applicable to Electrical,  
Plumbing, Air Conditioning and refrigeration sub-  
contractors.

For the purpose of this Act overseas companies must register with  
registrar in order to benefit from the concession under this Act

**SCHEDULE 6**

**Tour Operators and Tour Guide**

**PART 1**

**Trades Tax and GST Concessions**

Tourism Operators	Items	Trades Tax and GST	Number of Vehicles
	Operational Vehicle up to 1300cc	50% of applicable Trades Tax Rate	(i) One Vehicle for every 1000 foreign customers handled or part thereof on an

		GST at concessionary taxable value.	annual basis up to 10,000 and thereafter (1) One Vehicle per every 5000 additional foreign customers handled or part thereof on an annual basis.
	Passenger vehicles for transportation of clients.	25% of Applicable Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	(1) One Vehicle for every 1000 foreign customers handled or part thereof on an annual basis up to 10,000 and thereafter (1) One Vehicle per every 5000 additional foreign customers handled or part thereof on an annual basis.
	Buses (designed to carry upto 10 passengers or more including driver)	25% of applicable rate of Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value.	(1) One bus for the first 1000 foreign customers handled or part thereof on an annual basis up to 10,000 and thereafter (1) One bus per every 5000 foreign customers handled or part thereof on an annual basis.
	Capital Equipment Relating to Core Client Operations	0% Trades Tax GST is at concessionary taxable value	N/A
Tour Guide	Buses (designed to carry upto 15 passengers including driver)	50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value.	N/A

## PART 2

**Social Security, G.O.P Concessions- Tour Operator**

Employer's Social Security Contributions		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution	1. MAFW= 2 persons or 5% (whichever is higher at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the Immigration Regulations per person per month  2. One overseas designated representative per major overseas tour operator shall be allowed at applicable rate
Non-Seychellois 0%	Applicable Rate	
Seychellois		
50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	

In case of a non-Seychellois employee, where the Employer's contribution specified above is 0% of the rates in the Social

Security Act of 1987, the employer shall take out an acceptable policy of health insurance in respect of each employee.

- In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GO'' fee is payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated in the Immigration Regulations.

#### SCHEDULE 7

##### Operator of Water Sport Related Activities

##### PART 1

##### Trades Tax and GST Concessions

	Capital Equipment	Minor Operating Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Boat and Boat Engine
<b>Dive center/Dive Operator</b>	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	1 vehicle at 25% Trades Tax rate or 50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher  GST at concessionary taxable value	0% Trades Tax  0% GST for up to 3 boats
<b>Hirecraft Operator<sup>5</sup></b>	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	1 vehicle for business holding 3 boats in their fleet, at 25% Trades Tax rate or 50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher  GST at concessionary taxable value	0% Trades Tax  0% GST
<b>Non Motorised Water sports operator</b>	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	N/A	0% Trades Tax  0% GST for 1 boat <sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> In the event that boat for hire "taxi boats" comes into operation, they shall be licensed under the Hirecraft category and shall be granted similar concessions as Hirecraft operators.

<sup>6</sup> Includes 1 rescue boat for Non Motorised water sports operator

	Capital Equipment	Minor Operating Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Boat and Boat Engine
Motorised Water Sports Operator	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	N/A	0% Trades Tax  0% GST for 1 boat
Yacht / Liveaboard <sup>7</sup> Operator (permanent)	0% Trades Tax      0% GST	0% Trades Tax      GST at concessionary taxable value	1 vehicle per license for every 10 yachts/ liveaboards up to a maximum of 3 vehicles at 25% trades tax rate or 50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher.   GST at concessionary taxable value	0% Trades Tax      0% GST
temporary <sup>8</sup>	0% Trades Tax  0% GST	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	N/A  N/A	0% Trades Tax  0% GST

<sup>7</sup> In the case of Investment in Yacht Marina includes pontoon and construction materials.

<sup>8</sup> The operator is not allowed to advertise locally or solicit clients from within Seychelles.

## PART 2

### Social Security, G.O.P Concessions

	Social Security Contributions		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
Dive center/ Dive Operator	Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution	M.A.F.W- two technical persons above the qualification

	Non-Seychellois 0%	Applicable Rate	of Dive Master at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP regulation per person per month
	Seychellois	Applicable Rate	
	50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	
<b>Hirecraft Operator</b>	Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution	M.A.F.W= one technical person per license at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP regulation per person per month
	Non-Seychellois 0%	Applicable Rate	
	Seychellois	Applicable Rate	
	50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	
<b>Yacht/ Liveaboard Operator (permanent)</b>	Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution	M.A.F.W= 30% of the total workforce* GOP fees at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP regulation per person per month
	Non-Seychellois 0%	Applicable Rate	
	Seychellois	Applicable Rate	
	50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	
<b>(temporary)</b>	Non-Seychellois 0%	Applicable Rate	
	Seychellois	Applicable Rate	M.A.F.W= 1 shore based personnel GOP fees at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP regulation per person per month.
	50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	

In case of a non-Seychellois employee, where Employer's Contribution specified above is 0% of the rates in the Social Security Act of 1987, the employer shall take out an acceptable policy of health insurance in respect of each employee.

\* In the event that sufficient qualified Seychellois workers are not available an increase above the 30% foreign worker limit maybe considered for the Yacht and Live a board operator at the same rate of GOP.

In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GOP fee is payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated

## SCHEDULE 8

Operator of Tourism Leisure Related Activities

## PART 1

Trades Tax and GST Concessions

	Capital Equipment	Minor operating Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Boat and Boat Engine
Passenger Cruise Ship	0% Trades tax	0% Trades Tax		
permanent	0% GST	GST at concessionary taxable value	1 vehicle per license at 25% Trades Tax rate or 50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher. GST at concessionary taxable value	0% Trades Tax 0% GST
temporary		0% Trades Tax		0% Trades Tax
		GST at concessionary taxable value	N/A	0% GST
Passenger Ferry Service Operator	0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	1 vehicle per license at 25% Trades Tax rate or 50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher.	0% Trades Tax
	0% GST	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value	0% GST

## PART 2

Social Security, G.O.P Concessions

Service Provider	Social Security Contributions		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
Passenger Ferry Service Operator	Seychellois		M.A.F.W. = 2 technical persons
	50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	(GOP fees at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP regulation per person month)
Passenger Cruise Ship Permanent	Seychellois		M.A.F.W. = 25%
	50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	(GOP fees at *35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP regulation per person)

\* In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GOP fee is payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated

## SCHEDULE 9

Helicopter Services Operator

## PART 1

Trades Tax and GST Concessions

Capital Equipment	Minor Operating Equipment	Motor Vehicles
0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	Maximum 3 vehicles at 25% Trades Tax rate or 50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher.
0% GST	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value

**PART 2****Social Security, G.O.P Concessions – Helicopter Services**

Social Security Contributions		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
<u>Employer's Contribution</u>	<u>Employee's Contribution</u>	M.A.F.W. = 3 technical persons per helicopter
Seychellois		(GOP fees at 35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP Regulations per person per month
50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	

\* In case of a non-Seychellois employee, where Employer's Contribution specified above is 0% of the rates in the Social Security Act of 1987, the employer shall take out an acceptable policy of health insurance in respect of each employee.

\* In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GOP fee is payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated

**SCHEDULE 10****Equestrian Tourism Operator****PART 1****Trades Tax and GST Concessions**

Capital Equipment	Minor Operating Equipment	Motor Vehicles
0% Trades Tax	0% Trades Tax	1 commercial vehicle at 25% Trades Tax rate or 50% of applicable rate of Trades Tax, whichever is higher.
0% GST	GST at concessionary taxable value	GST at concessionary taxable value

## PART 2

Social Security, G.O.P Concessions

Employer's Social Security Contributions			G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
Employer's Contribution		Employee's Contribution	M.A.F.W. = 1 person
Non-Seychellois	0%	Applicable Rate	GOP 35% of the specified rates as stated in the GOP regulation per person per month
Seychellois			
50% of applicable rate		Applicable Rate	

In case of a non-Seychellois employee, where Employer's Contribution specified above is 0% of the rates in the

Social Security Act of 1987, the employer shall take out an acceptable policy of health insurance in respect of each employee.

\*In the event that the licensee's retention is in excess of 25%, GOP fee is payable in a convertible foreign currency equivalent to the rupee amount stipulated

## SCHEDULE II

Car Hire and Taxi Operator

## PART 1

Trades Tax and GST Concessions

Other Tourism Operators	Capital Equipment	Minor operating Equipment	Motor Vehicle <sup>a</sup>	Chauffeur Driven cars <sup>b</sup>
Car Hire Operator	0% Trades Tax  0% GST	0% Trades Tax  GST at concessionary taxable value	50% of applicable Trades Tax rate  GST at concessionary taxable value	50% of applicable Trades Tax rate  GST at concessionary taxable value
Taxi Operator	N/A	N/A	50% of applicable Trades Tax rate  GST at concessionary taxable value	N/A

<sup>9</sup> Qualifying Vehicles are limited to passenger motor vehicles.

<sup>10</sup> Full time drivers need to be employed for each motor vehicle.

## PART 2

### Social Security, G.O.P Concessions- Car Hire Operator

Service Provider	Social Security Contributions		G.O.P fees and expatriate quota
Car Hire Operator	Employer's Contribution	Employee's Contribution	N/A
	Seychellois		
	50% of applicable rate	Applicable Rate	

## SCHEDULE 12

### Business Tax

Licensed Accommodation, Island Resort Hotel Operator, Restaurant, Casino Operator, Tour Operator, Tour Guide, Water Sport Operator (Motorised and Non-Motorised), Operator of Tourism Leisure Related Activities, Helicopter Services Operator, Equestrian Tourism Operator and Car Hire Operator.

R250,000	nil
Excess over R250,000	15%

## SCHEDULE 13

### Fuel Concessions for Electricity Production

Service Provider	Criteria to be met	Trades Tax
Licensed Accommodation/ Island Resort Hotel Operator	1. The Licensed Accommodation/Island Resort must be in a location where it cannot be adequately supplied with electricity from PUC	0% TT
	2. Fuel shall be used solely for the generation of electricity for consumption by the licensed accommodation.	

	<p>3. A scaled Energy Meter shall be installed and data on specific fuel consumption shall be kept.</p> <p>4. Fuel must be purchased directly from SEPEC and paid in a convertible Foreign Currency.</p>	
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#### SCHEDULE 14

##### Fuel Concessions to Specified Service Providers

<b>Hire craft Operator</b>	<p>1. Receipts, proof of charters from a log book or other information as may be required by the Trades Tax Division shall be required by the licensee.</p> <p>2. Concessions shall be on a refund basis upon production of the documents specified in item 1 above</p>	0% TT
<b>Yacht/Live aboard Operator (permanent)</b>	<p>1. Receipts, proof of charters from a log book or other information as may be required by the Trades Tax Division shall be required by the licensee.</p> <p>2. Concessions shall be on a refund basis upon production of the documents specified in item 1 above.</p>	0% TT
<b>Necessary Means of Sea Transportation</b>	Shuttle boats for hotels and restaurants (outside of hotels) that use their boats solely for the purpose of ferrying goods, staff and clients to and from the island and rely on this means of transport as the principal means of access to the island.	0% TT
<b>Dive Centre/Dive Operator</b>	<p>1. Receipts, proof of dives from a log book or other information as may be required by the Trades Tax Division shall be required by the licensee.</p> <p>2. Concessions shall be on a refund basis upon production of the documents specified in item 1 above.</p>	0% TT
<b>Tour Operator (for licensed motor boats)</b>	<p>1. Receipts, proof of excursions from a log book or other information as may be required by the Trades Tax Division shall be required by the licensee.</p> <p>2. Concessions shall be on a refund basis upon production of the documents specified in item 1 above.</p>	0% TT

Cruise Ship Operator (permanent)	SEPEC Rate	0% TT
Cruise Ship Operator (temporary)	SEPEC Rate	0% TT 0% GST
Ferry Services (Cargo) Operator	Ferry engaged in transporting goods for permitted development on islands. Refund will be used on receipts certified by the developer and the Project Manager	0% TT
Helicopter Service Operator	1. Receipts, proof of excursions from a log book or other information as may be required by the Trades Tax Division shall be required by the licensee. 2. Concessions shall be on a refund basis upon production of the documents specified in item 1 above.	50% TT
Yacht/Liveaboard Operator (temporary)	1. Receipts, proof of excursions from a log book or other information as may be required by the Trades Tax Division shall be required by the licensee. 2. Concessions shall be on a refund basis upon production of the documents specified in item 1 above.	0% TT

## SCHEDULE 15

Tourism Training Incentives

Product Enhancement Specialists	GOP Exempted Social Security Exempted
Foreign Experts/Consultants	GOP's Exempted Social Security Exempted

Note: Application should be made to the Seychelles Tourism Board (STB) in the form of a detailed training programme which includes proposed certification upon completion.  
This will then be endorsed and approved by SIR

**SCHEDULE 16****Marketing and Promotion**

The allowable deduction from the taxable income of a business shall be 200% of actual or qualifying expenditure in respect of marketing and promotion for all of the sectors. The amount qualifying for the deduction shall be 5% of turnover of the business or the actual expenditure incurred in respect of Marketing and Promotion whichever is the lower.

**SCHEDULE 17****Special deduction in respect of training expenses:**

Expenditure of a business for the purpose of training certify as such by the Seychelles Tourism Board shall be an allowable deduction from the taxable income of a business to the extent of 150% of approved expenditure incurred

**Business Tax Deduction**

- (a) 200% Business Tax deduction on salaries paid by an employer to a qualified graduate of Seychelles Institute of Technology, Farmer's Training Centre, Maritime Training Centre, Seychelles Tourism Academy in respect of their 12 months of full-time employment, subject to social security being paid.
- (b) 150% Business Tax deduction on salaries paid by an employer to a qualifying part-time student of Seychelles Institute of Technology, Farmer's Training Centre, Maritime Training Centre, Seychelles Tourism Academy in respect of his/her work attachment. Subject to Social Security contributions being paid.

**SCHEDULE 18****Non- Monetary Benefits**

Description	Employer's Social Security Contribution	Remarks
Accommodation	0%	Accommodation benefits, as per SSF Employers Guide provided to a Seychellois or non-Seychellois employee and which includes Utility Bills such as electricity, water and telephone bills.
Airline Transport	0%	Cost of airline/ferry transport both domestic and international provided to staff. Domestic-Full exemption International-Limited to once a year
Entertainment Allowance/Reimbursement	0%	Provided the total entertainment allowance/reimbursement in any one month does not exceed 20% of the basic salary.
Motor vehicle	0%	Private Motor Vehicle and other transportation cost provided to staff working in the tourism industry for the purpose of home to work travel.
Productivity Bonuses/Incentive Schemes	0%	End of financial year productivity bonuses payments as per approved incentives scheme endorsed by MOF.
Any other Incentives Scheme As approved by MOF	0%	

**SCHEDULE 19****Part 1****Accelerated Depreciation for Accommodation Providers  
(Allowable on Capital Investments, other than land and building)**

Year 1	45%
Year 2	40%
Year 3	30%

Year 4	25%
Year 5	10%

**PART 2**

**Accelerated Depreciation for activities other than  
Accommodation Providers  
(Allowable on Capital Investments, other than land and  
building)**

Year 1	45%
Year 2	40%
Year 3	25%
Year 4	10%
Year 5	5%

**SCHEDULE 20****Validity of Certificate of Entitlement**

	Duration
Licensed Accommodation	10 years
Island Resort Operator	10 years
Dive Centre Operator	5 years
Hirecraft Operator	5 years
Non-Motorised WaterSports Operator	5 years
Motorised Watersports Operator	5 years
Yachts and Liveaboards Operator (Permanent)	5 years
Passenger Cruise Ships Operator (Permanent)	5 years

Car Hire Operator	5 years
Tour Operator	5 years
Tour Guide Operator	5 years
Restaurant outside licensed Accommodation	5 years
Passenger Ferry Service Operator	5 years
Casino Operator	5 years
Equestrian Tourism Operator	5 years
Helicopter Service Operator	5 years"

3. These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st January, 2008.

MADE this 1st day of February, 2008.

DANNY FAURE  
MINISTER OF FINANCE