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**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISION AGREED BY ROUND ROBIN**

The following was approved by Round Robin on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**: -

EX MIN 23/005

**EX MEM 23/03 WAIVER OF DUTY ON TEMPORARY IMPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH FILMING IN ANGUILLA FOR THE SHOW THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF NEW YORK**

The Thoughtful Digital Agency has submitted a request for consideration of a waiver of the duty on temporary imports for a show to be filmed in Anguilla. Their client, Shed Prod a Subsidiary of Warner Brothers Entertainment Inc, along with their cast and crew of 40 persons will be in Anguilla to film their cast trip for the 14<sup>th</sup> Season of the Real House Wives of New York.

The event is scheduled to be held from January 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The group will be arriving at the Blowing Point Ferry Terminal in Anguilla via the Princess Juliana Airport in Saint Maarten. They depart from Anguilla on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It is reported that hospitality vendors across the island may benefit from their decision to visit Anguilla.

In relation to other events there is a historical precedent for exemption from applicable duty (1%) on the temporary imports.

To support persons participating in this show, whilst controlling potential revenue loss associated with such support it is proposed to exempt temporary imports of specified items for a time limited period in accordance with the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

Council:

- 1) noted the granting of the entertainment tax exemption may result in tax loss of approximately USD\$8,643.61 in relation to the waiver of duty on temporary imports;

- 2) approved the proposed exemption from duty on temporary imports associated with the Real Housewives of New York film production based on the following terms:
  - a) Imports to be restricted to the attached schedule of items.
  - b) The period for clearing imports should be limited until 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. All temporary imports should be exported by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023;
- 3) noted that in accordance with Section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act, remissions must not exceed EC\$1,000 or such greater amount as prescribed by Regulation made by the Governor in Council with the approval of the House of Assembly; and
- 4) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Regulations under Section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; HON, AG; HON, PREM

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