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To: Customs & Excise Staff and Stakeholders:

COVID-19 Testing Kits and Temporary Conditional Exemptions

This letter references GEN/3/01/2020 Vol. V1(91) dated August 12, 2020 on the subject matter, addition to the list of Approved Temporary Conditional Exemptions- COVID-19 rapid testing kits.

The Public Health (Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID 19) (AMENDMENT (No. 9) REGULATIONS, 2021 now includes four (4) additional COVID-19 PCR testing kits, namely SD Biosensor, Acula, Panbio and Mulbyrio.

You are hereby advised that, **with immediate effect**, the COVID-19 PCR testing kits: SD Biosensor, Acula, Panbio and Mulbyrio PCR Test Kits are added to the List of Approved Temporary Conditional Exemptions of Import Duties and General Sales Tax and are classified under HS Code 3822.00.00.00.

Additionally, your urgent attention is drawn to attachment with **Ref: MED/41/01/21(134) Vol. 11 dated 6 October 2021 from the Ministry of Health & Wellness**, informing that to date, it has not granted approval for the importation of Antigen Home Testing kits.

Kindly be reminded that the Ministry of Health and Wellness **must** approve the importation of all Covid-19 Testing Kits prior to processing of a custom declaration.

The Conditional Exemptions continues to be applicable to all commodities on the approved list until otherwise advised.

Respectfully.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Leslie', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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