

## Raise (taxes) tariffs

### In order to support local product, the GoI is getting ready to raise (taxes) tariffs on (9) imported goods and materials

The General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers revealed the decision to impose high customs duties on the import of 9 consumer goods in order to protect the local product.

A statement by the council said: "The Cabinet approved the recommendation of the competent authority in the Department of Industrial Development and Organization of the Ministry of Industry and Minerals on the protection of products by imposing an additional customs fee based on the provisions of Article 14 of the Iraqi Products Protection Act No. 11 of 2010."

The statement added that "the decision referred to the imposition of :

- an additional tariff of 20% of the value of the unit of measurement of the product of **men's suit** imported to Iraq from other countries and the maker of all the item of customs {62031900} for four years without reduction and control of the domestic market during the period of application of additional customs fees."
- The imposition of an additional customs fee of 30% of the unit of measurement of the producers of **dishes wash liquid & bleaching liquid** from the countries and the maker of all the two items of customs {34022022,34022010} for four years without reduction and control of the local market during the period of application of customs duties "
- The imposition of an additional customs fee of 50% of the unit of measurement of the product of **chicken and chicken cutters** and all products contained in the sections of the customs item {02.07} of the imported frozen chicken and the countries and all the producers for four years without reduction and control of the local market during the period of application of customs duties, with the cancellation of all customs exemptions, whether for the private, public or mixed sectors or for any reason.
- Imposing an additional tariff of 26% of the unit of measurement of the product of the imported stations to Iraq from all countries and producers of **cream** for a period of four years without reduction and control of the local market during the period of application of additional customs duties. Impose an additional customs fee of 100% **Vaccine Newcastle & Vaccine PPR** imported into Iraq from all countries and exporters of customs items {30023000.04029920.04029120} for four years without reduction, and control of the local market during the period of application of additional customs duties.
- an additional tariff of 27% of the unit of measurement of the producers of the **thermo stone Block, and the LANSOPRAZOL 15MGTABLET** importers to Iraq from all the countries and the producers of the two items of the 30043900 and 68101100 for four years without reduction, and control of the domestic market during the period of application of additional customs duties.
- Imposing an additional tariff of 200% of the unit of measure of the **textbook product for the primary and secondary levels** imported to Iraq from the countries and all producers with the customs item 49019930 for four years without reduction and control of the local market during the period of application of additional customs duties."
- Imposing an additional tariff of 85% of the unit of measurement of the

- product of **natural potato chips** imported to Iraq from all countries and producers of the customs item 19059080 for a period of four years without reduction and control of the local market during the period of application of additional customs duties.

He pointed out that "the General Customs commission of the Ministry of Finance applies the additional customs fee for the mentioned products and the notification of the Ministry of Industry and Minerals / Department of Industrial Development and Organization periodically on the quantity of Iraq's imports of the mentioned products and the additional customs fees collected on imports from the product Foreign currency, value of imports, export countries and importers.

The Secretariat of the Council of Ministers said that "this decision is implemented starting from 5 August 2018," indicating that "this came in line with the Iraqi government's directions on the protection of local products and support the national industry."

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