

## EXEMPTION OF IMPORT DUTY FOR IMPORT OF ARTICLES FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES TO INDIA

The ASEAN-India Free Area emerged from a mutual interest of both parties to expand their economic ties in the Asia-Pacific region. Andaman & Nicobar Islands endeavours, close proximity with these South East Asian countries and have a greater scope of trade with these countries compared to mainland India. Under the 'Look East' policy of Govt. of India, Andaman & Nicobar Administration in active coordination with various line Ministries of Govt. of India has already started exchange of dialogues with the South East Asian Countries, by giving emphasis on trade between A & N Islands and South East Asian countries.

As per the directions given in the Island Development Agency meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Andaman & Nicobar Administration was working on the possibilities of directly importing material, specially construction materials in these Islands from the neighbouring countries to make the articles more cost effective in comparison from bringing from Mainland India.

Now it is informed that the custom duties on the following articles are exempted for import from ASEAN countries to India:-

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1.	Sawn Timber
2.	Wooden Logs
3.	Stone Aggregate
4.	Sand
5.	Cement
6.	Steels
7.	Vegetables
8.	Frozen Meat
9.	Bamboo/Cane Furniture
10.	Spices
11.	Coconut

  
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