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ACT NO. 6 OF 1994

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PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR  
AND  
CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

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....., 1994

AN ACT TO IMPOSE AND ALTER CERTAIN TAXES  
AND AMEND CERTAIN WRITTEN LAWS RELATING TO  
COLLECTIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC REVENUES

ENACTED by the House of Representatives of  
Zanzibar.

PART I  
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Short title  
and  
commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Finance (Public Revenues Management) Act, 1994 and shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1994.

PART II  
AMENDMENT OF THE SALES TAX ACT, 1991

Construction.

2. This part shall be read as one with the Sales Tax Act, 1991, in this part referred to as the "principal Act".

Amendment  
of second  
schedule.

3. The second schedule of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:-

- (a) By deleting the phrase "one percent (1%) of the amount sought to be exempted" which appears in subsection (2) of section 10 of the Finance Act, 1993 and substituting for it the phrase "one percent (1%) of the amount of tax before exemption";





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- (b) by deleting the item "Tickets for Air Transport 5%" appearing in subsection 10 (b) of the Finance Act, 1993.

PART III

AMENDMENT OF THE STAMP DUTY ACT, 1986

Construction.

4. This part shall be read as one with the Stamp Duty Act, 1986 in this part referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of section 10A.

5. Section 10A of the Principal Act is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (4) immediately after subsection (3) as follows:-

"(4) Any company which is under the Investment Act, 1986 or Free Economic Zone Act, 1992 shall not pay the stamp duty for project capital."

Amendment of section 73.

6. Section 73 of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:-

- (a) In paragraph (g) by deleting the words "fifty shillings" and "forty shillings" appearing in that paragraph and substituting for them the words "five hundred shillings" and "four hundred shillings" respectively;
- (b) in paragraph (o) by deleting the phrase "fifteen thousands shillings but not exceeding twenty five thousand shillings" appearing in that paragraph and substituting for the phrase "twenty five thousand shillings but not exceeding fifty thousand shillings".

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PART IV  
AMENDMENT OF THE PROMOTION OF  
TOURISM ACT, 1991

Construction. 7. This part shall be read as one with the Promotion of Tourism Act, 1991, in this part referred to as the "principal Act".

Amendment  
of section  
22.

8. Section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (4) by deleting the phrase "five per centum (5%) of the levy collected or to be collected" appearing in that subsection and substituting for it the following:-

- "(a) Thirty per centum (30%) of the levy collected or to be collected; and
- (b) if such levy remains unpaid for more than thirty days after the due date the rate of fine prescribed by paragraph (a) shall be increased by five per centum for the second and succeeding period, during which the levy remains unpaid."

PART V  
AMENDMENT OF THE TRADING LICENCES ACT, 1983

Construction. 9. This part shall be read as one with the Trading licences Act, 1983, in this part referred to as the "principal Act".

Amendment of  
section 20.

10. Section 20 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the words "two thousand shillings" and five thousand shillings appearing in that section and substituting for them the words "ten thousand shillings" and "twenty thousand shillings" respectively.

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PART VI

AMENDMENT OF INVESTMENT ACT, 1986

Construction.

11. This part shall be read as one with the Investment Act, 1986, in this part referred to as the "principal Act".

Addition of new section 6A.

12. The Principal Act is hereby amended by adding a new section 6A immediately after section 6 as follows:-

"Issue of Investment licence.

6A(1) The Ministry of Finance shall grant an Investment licence to the investor on application to be made by him within one year of the grant certificate under section 6 of this Act.

(2) The Investment licence granted under subsection (1) shall be renewed annually by making an application to the prescribed authority and on payment of the prescribed fees.

(3) If an investor desires to expand the existing project for which a certificate or licence has already been granted, he shall apply and obtain a fresh Investment licence in the like manner as if it were a new project.

(4) If an existing project has already been granted a certificate and it has commenced its business, the investor shall apply and obtain an Investment licence under subsection (1) of this section.

(5) Any investor who fails to obtain or renew the licence in accordance with the provisions of this section shall pay in addition to the prescribed licence fee an additional sum by way of fine which shall be two per centum (2%) for each month of delay in applying for the licence or its renewal.

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(6) Any investor who fails to comply with the provision of subsection (5) of this section, his certificate or licence may be cancelled and the project shall be liable to be closed provided that no such cancellation or closure shall be ordered without giving the investor an opportunity of being heard."

Addition of  
a new section  
6B.

13. The Principal Act is hereby amended by adding a new section 6B immediately after section 6A as follows:-

"Registration  
fee for  
Investment  
company.

6B. Any company operating under this Act or Free Economic Zones Act 1992 shall be required to pay registration fees as follows:

- (i) For Investment below US\$ 500,000 the fee shall be US\$ 500.0;
- (ii) for Investment of US\$ 500,001.0 to US\$ 2,500,000 the fee shall be US\$ 650.0;
- (iii) for Investment of US\$ 2,500,001 to US\$ 4,000,000 the fee shall be US\$ 800.0;
- (iv) for Investment of US\$ 4,000,000 and above the fee shall be US\$ 1,000.0."

PART VII  
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Power of the  
commissioner  
of public  
revenue.

14. The Commissioner of Public Revenue shall have the following powers:-

- (a) To enforce payment of taxes according to the applicable law;
- (b) to impose penalty of (2%) of the amount due for each month of default for non payment or delayed payment of taxes after giving the defaulter a reasonable opportunity of explaining the reasons for the default;



- (c) to attach the movable assets of the defaulter e.g the bank accounts (credit balance), the stock in trade, debts which are due to the defaulter from various debtors, vehicle and equipments as per the prescribed procedure to be published in the gazette.

Trade and  
profession  
Tax.

15.(1) Any Commercial or professional establishment operating in Zanzibar, except the Government and charitable institution shall be required to pay tax which shall be a lump-sum based on their gross receipts as mentioned below:-

Establishments whose gross receipts (without making any deductions) in the preceding year ending June, are:

Amount	Tax payable
TShs. 50,000/= or less	Nil
TShs. 50,001/= to 100,000	TShs. 2,000/=
TShs. 100,001/= and above	TShs. 5,000/=.

(2) In this section "Professional Establishment" means an establishment carrying on any professional or vocational activities by one or more individuals, which may or may not require establishing a shop or office establishment, but shall not include employment.

(3) The Tax payer shall be required to file a declaration in prescribed form regarding his gross receipt and pay the relevant amount of tax.

(4) Any person who fails to pay the proper amount of tax in time shall be required to pay such amount with an additional sum which may be equal to the tax payable by way of fine, and in cases of repeated default, it shall be lawful for the Government to cancel the trading licence granted to the establishment by any authority in Zanzibar.





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Offence.

16.(1) Any tax payer who fails to file and submit the prescribed statement or returns in time in accordance with this Act or any laid down procedures shall pay a fine of five hundred shillings (500/=) for each day of default.

(2) The fine mentioned in subsection (1) may be imposed by the Revenue officer authorised for this purpose by the Commissioner of Public Revenue after hearing the defaulting tax payer.

(3) Any person who is not satisfied with the decision of the Revenue officer may appeal to the Commissioner of Public Revenue.

Power of  
the  
Minister.

17.(1) The Minister of finance may from time to time by order published in the Gazette amend, vary or replace any amount chargeable under this Act and any other Act dealing with taxation.

(2) Every order made under subsection (1) shall be submitted for the approval, to be signified by resolution, of the House of Representatives within fifteen days of the order being made, or, if the House of Representatives is not meeting, within fifteen days after it next meets.

(3) If any such order is not approved by the House of Representatives within the time specified in subsection (2) or is disapproved by the House of Representatives, the order shall thereupon either expire forthwith or cease to have effect, as the case may be, but without prejudice to anything previously done or suffered to be done under the order.

Passed in the House of Representatives on the 18th day of July, 1994.

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