

# **CHANGES IN THE HS-CET (ACT 905, 2015)**

## **87.01 TRACTORS**

- ❖ TRACTORS (OTHER THAN TRACTORS OF **8709**), PEDESTRIAN CONTROLLED TRACTORS, ROAD TRACTORS FOR SEMI TRAILERS ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **5%**

## **87.02 MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF TEN OR MORE PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER VIZ:**

- ❖ BUSES AND TROOP CARRIER ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **5%**.
- ❖ IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NUMBER OF SEATS OR PASSENGERS, BUSES NOW ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **5%**.

## **87.03 MOTOR CARS AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES PRINCIPALLY DESIGNED FOR THE TRANSPORT OF PERSONS (OTHER THAN THOSE OF HEADING 87.02) INCLUDING STATION WAGONS AND RACING CARS.**

**THESE CATEGORY INCLUDE ALL SMALL CARS VIZ: SALOON CARS, ESTATE, WAGONS, STATION WAGONS, LIFT OR HATCH BACK. THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY IS ACCORDING TO WHETHER IT IS PETROL OR DIESEL AND THE ENGINE CAPACITY.**

### **PETROL CARS**

- OF A CYLINDER CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING **1000CC** STILL ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **5%**
- OF A CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING **1000CC** UP TO **3000CC** ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **10%**
- OF A CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING **3000CC** STILL ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **20%**

### **DIESEL CARS**

- OF A CYLINDER CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING **1500CC** ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **5%**
- OF A CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING **1500CC** UP TO **2500CC** ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **10%**
- OF A CYLINDER CAPACITY EXCEEDING **2500CC** ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **20%**

## **87.04 MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF GOODS**

- ❖ ALL TRUCKS INCLUDING ALL OFF-HIGHWAY DUMPERS ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **5%**

## **87.05 SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES**

❖ ALL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES NOW ATTRACT **5%** IMPORT DUTY RATE. THESE INCLUDE TOWING TRUCKS, CRANE TRUCKS, FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES, CONCRETE MIXER AND PUMP LORRIES, DRILLING RIG TRUCKS, CESSPOOL/CESSPIT EMPTIER, BOOM LIFT TRUCKS.

**87.10** TANKS AND OTHER ARMoured FIGHTING VEHICLES, MOTORISED, WHETHER OR NOT FITTED WITH WEAPONS AND PARTS OF SUCH VEHICLES ATTRACT **20%** IMPORT DUTY RATE.

**87.11** MOTOR CYCLES INCLUDING MOPEDS AND CYCLES FITTED WITH AN AUXILLIARY MOTOR, WITH OR WITHOUT SIDE-CARS ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **20%**

**87.16** TRAILERS AND SEMI TRAILERS NOT MECHANICALLY PROPELLED NOW ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE **10%**

NOTE THAT ALL VEHICLES WHEN IMPORTED KNOCKED-DOWN (CKD) FOR THE ASSEMBLY INDUSTRY STILL ATTRACT IMPORT DUTY RATE OF **5%**

## **84.00 MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT**

✂ ALL EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENTS SUCH AS BULLDOZERS, EXCAVATORS, FORKLIFTS, GRADERS, MOBILE CRANES, BACKHOE LOADERS ATTRACT **5%** IMPORT DUTY

✂ ALL THESE ARE HEADINGS UNDER CHAPTER **84**; **84.27, 84.28, 84.29, 84.30, 84.31, 82.32, 84.33, 84.34, 84.35,**

NOTE THAT ALL AMBULANCES AND HEARSEs ARE TO BE CLASSIFIED UNDER HEADING 8703 AND THE APPROPRIATE DUTIES AND TAXES PAID.

**8703.90.00.00** - *Ambulance New*

**8703.90.00.00** - *Ambulance Used*

**8703.90.00.00** - *Hearse New*

**8703.90.00.00** - *Hearse Used*

**8701.90.00.00** - *Terminal Tractors*

**8716.80.21.00** - *Wheel barrow attract import duty of 20%*

**8716.80.10.00** - *Vehicle drawn by animals attract import duty of 10%*

**GENERAL INFORMATION ON IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES**

<b>TAXES ON IMPORTED VEHICLES</b>								
<b>TYPE OF VEHICLE</b>	<b>IMPORT DUTY</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>NHIL</b>	<b>ECOWAS LEVY</b>	<b>EDIF</b>	<b>EXAM FEE</b>	<b>PROCESSING FEE</b>	<b>SPECIAL IMPORT LEVY</b>
Ambulance	20%	0%	0%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Hearse	20%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>MOTOR CARS INCLUDING CROSS COUNTRY AND ESTATE CARS: DIESEL</b>								
<b>1.</b> Of a cylinder capacity not exceeding <b>1500 cc</b>	5%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>2.</b> Of a cylinder capacity exceeding <b>1500cc</b> but not exceeding <b>2500cc</b>	10%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>3.</b> Of a cylinder capacity exceeding <b>2500cc</b>	20%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>MOTOR CARS INCLUDING CROSS COUNTRY AND ESTATE CARS: PETROL</b>								
<b>1.</b> Of a cylinder capacity not exceeding <b>1000cc</b>	5%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>2.</b> Of a cylinder capacity exceeding <b>1000cc</b> but not exceeding <b>3000cc</b>	10%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>3.</b> Of a cylinder capacity exceeding <b>3000cc</b>	20%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>4.</b> Motor Cars designed for travelling on snow; golf cars and similar vehicles	20%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>5.</b> Motor vehicles designed to carry ten ( <b>10</b> ) and more persons	5%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>6.</b> Motor vehicles designed to carry more than thirty ( <b>30</b> ) persons	5%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE TRANSPORT OF GOODS SUCH AS TRUCKS, TIPPING TRUCKS, VANS, REFUSE TRUCK, TANKERS AND LORRIES</b>								
<b>TRACTOR OF H.S. CODE 8701</b>								
Pedestrian Controlled tractors – <b>8701.10</b>	5%	0%	0%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Road tractors (Articulator Head) for semi-trailers- <b>8701.20</b>	5%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Track –laying tractors- <b>8701.30</b>	5%	0%	0%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Agricultural – <b>8701.90</b>	5%	0%	0%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Other tractors – <b>8701.90</b>	5%	0%	0%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%

Tipping, Flat, Container, Skeleton, Low bed or Low Loader Trailers <b>8716</b>	10%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Pick-ups 8704	5%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Dumpers designed for off-highway use <b>8704</b>	5%	0%	0%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Special purpose motor vehicles of HS Code <b>87.05</b> (For example workshop vans, breakdown vehicle and mobile showrooms)	5%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%		2%
Off road terminal tractors <b>8701</b> <b>Reference WCO:</b> Annex A/X Possible amendment to the compendium of classification opinions to reflect the decisions to classify a "TJ 5000 off road" vehicle and an "Ottawa 4x2 off road YT50" vehicle in heading <b>87.01</b> (Subheading <b>8701.90</b> )	5%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
<b>OTHER VEHICLES</b>								
Motor Cycle/Bikes <b>8711</b>	20%	15%	2.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1%	-	2%
Bicycle <b>8712</b>	20%	0%	0%	0.5%	0.5%	0%	-	2%

Import duty is based on the CIF Value	Agricultural / farm tractor under HS <b>8701</b> are not liable to any overage penalty
Ambulance and hearse falling under HS <b>8703</b> and special purpose vehicles of heading <b>8705</b> are not liable to overage penalty	Examination fee is on the CIF Value and levied only on used vehicles
VAT is on the duty inclusive value (CIF + Duty)	Overage penalty is based on CIF Value

**Troop carrier (13 passengers) 8702**

Three wheel motor (Tricycle) with cabin for carrying passengers is **8703** – Duty is calculated according to cubic capacity (cc)

Three wheel motor with bucket or container for cargo is **8704**

Three wheel motor for the aged **8703**

Quad bikes / ATV-All terrain vehicles – **8703**

Terminal tractor used in the harbour **8701.90.00.00**

The following are treated at the car park as off highway machinery:

- a) Bulldozer **8429**
- b) Wheel / Pay / Shovel Loader **8429**
- c) Excavator **8429**
- d) Grader **8429**

**PENALTIES ON IMPORTATION OF OVERAGE VEHICLES**

Penalties are imposed on some category of overage vehicles in addition to any applicable duties and taxes as follows:

<b>VEHICLE</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
<b>MOTOR CARS</b>	
Where the age does not exceed <b>10</b> years	NIL
Where the age exceeds <b>10</b> years but does not exceed <b>12</b> years	5%
Where the age exceeds <b>12</b> years but does not exceed <b>15</b> years	20%
Where the age exceeds <b>15</b> years	50%
<b>VEHICLES DESIGNED TO CARRY TEN OR MORE PERSONS (SUCH AS BUSES AND COACHES)</b>	
Where the age does not exceed <b>10</b> years	NIL
Where the age exceeds <b>10</b> years but does not exceed <b>12</b> years	2.5% of CIF value
Where the age exceeds <b>12</b> years but does not exceed <b>15</b> years	10% of value
Where the age exceeds <b>15</b> years but does not exceed <b>20</b> years	15% of CIF value
Where the age exceeds <b>20</b> years	50% of value
<b>TRUCKS, LORRIES AND TIPPERS</b>	
Where the age does not exceed <b>10</b> years	NIL
Where the age exceeds <b>10</b> years but does not exceed <b>12</b> years	5% of CIF value
Where the age exceeds <b>12</b> years but does not exceed <b>22</b> years	10% of CIF value
Where the age exceeds <b>22</b> years	30% of CID value
The age of a motor vehicle shall be calculated from the year in which the vehicle was first manufactured	
No person shall import a right-hand steering motor vehicle into the country unless otherwise authorized by the Minister of Transport	
Under the current Law ( <b>Act 634</b> ) any vehicle that remains un-entered and un-cleared within <b>60 days</b> after discharge or in the case of overland vehicle, from the date it crossed the national border into Ghana shall be forfeited to the state.	

### VALUATION OF USED VEHICLE

For the purposes of levying taxes the value of a vehicle shall be deemed to be the Home Delivery Value depreciated as below plus the Freight and Insurance as stipulated under section 60 Of Customs Act, 2015 (Act 891)

Where the age of a used motor vehicle does not exceed six <b>(6)</b> months	The price shall be deemed to be the first purchase price
Where the age exceeds six <b>(6)</b> months but does not exceed one and half <b>(1 ½)</b> years	Eight-five <b>(85)</b> per centum of the first purchase price
Where the age exceeds one and half <b>(1 ½)</b> years but does not exceed two and a half <b>(2 ½)</b> years	Seventy <b>(70)</b> per centum of the first purchase price
Where the age exceeds two and a half <b>(2 ½)</b> years but does not exceed five <b>(5)</b> years	Sixty <b>(60)</b> per centum of the first purchase price
Where the age exceed five <b>(5)</b> years	Fifty <b>(50)</b> per centum of the purchase price

The first purchase price means the price at which the type of motor vehicle in question is usually sold for use when new by a dealer in such vehicle in the country of manufacture of the vehicle concerned, excluding any tax, or impost charged in relation to the vehicle in accordance with the Law of that country.

**FREIGHT FOR COMPUTING CIF VALUES ON IMPORTED USED VEHICLES**

The following Freight are used in computing the CIF values for vehicles imported through the Sea port and Land Frontiers

**PASSENGER CAR**

Not exceeding <b>1300cc</b>	\$566
Exceeding <b>1300cc</b> but not exceeding <b>1500cc</b>	\$637
Exceeding <b>1500cc</b> but not exceeding <b>1800cc</b>	\$707
Exceeding <b>1800cc</b>	\$849
Cross Country Vehicles	\$960
Wagon (carrying less than <b>10 persons</b> )	\$1044
Pick-ups	\$940

**BUSES / VANS**

Minibuses / Vans (eg, Nissan Urvan, Toyota Hiace, Hyundai Grace, etc)	\$1044
M/Benz Models (207 / 208 / 100 / 110) / VW LT	\$1216
M/Benz Models 309 / 406 / 407 / 508 / 608 / 709	\$1825

**TRUCKS**

Light Trucks (KIA Trade, Hyundai Might, Mitsubishi Canter, etc)	\$1825
Truck with <b>4000cc – 8000cc</b> (KIA Rhino, M/Benz 813 / 911 etc)	\$2325
Heavy Duty Trucks ( <b>above 8000cc</b> )	\$3310

**OTHERS**

TRAILERS	\$2325
Agric Tractors	\$2325
Motor Bikes	\$200

**INSURANCE**

Insurance component is charged as	0.875% of Cost and Freight (C & F)
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