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## Binding Tariff Information: BTI-120/2024

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<b>GOODS</b>	1. SLX + BUOY 2. ISD + BUOY
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BINDING TARIFF INFORMATION - SEYCHELLES									
Customs Management (Tariff and Classification of Goods) Regulations, 2022									
Tariff Classification	Customs Import Duty	FTA			EU/UK	Excise Tax	VAT	Sugar Tax	Levy
		COMESA	SADC	ACFTA					
9014.8000 SLX + BUOY	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A	15%	N/A
9014.8000 ISD + BUOY	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A	15%	N/A

**REMARKS:**

The specifications for the **SLX + BUOY & ISD + BUOY** provided on the specification documents for binding tariff information by the applicant to Classification, Valuation and Rules of Origin unit details;

**1)Product Name:** SLX + BUOY

**Product Specification:** The SLX+ Buoy is the most sustainable echosounder buoy available on the market. It operates without batteries, relying solely on solar energy captured by its solar panels. The SLX+ Buoy is specifically designed for tuna fishing. It provides advanced satellite information to facilitate efficient and sustainable management of fishing activities. The buoy stores solar energy in super capacitors, ensuring reliable operation. The Sunrise Report feature offers accurate information on biomass movement below the echosounder buoy during this key period. The SLX+ Buoy now includes a motion sensor that detects situations such as buoy sinking or recovery. It provides tilt and shock warnings and status messages. The buoy can be set to different modes, optimizing its performance based on fish behavior and ocean conditions. The SLX+ Buoy represents a significant leap toward sustainable fishing practices, combining cutting-edge technology with environmental consciousness

2)**Product Name:** ISD + BUOY

**Product Specification:** In the search of sustainability, Satlink has developed its latest and most powerful buoy, the Satlink ISD+. ISD+ is the first truly double echosounder solar buoy. It has been designed in the same line of its predecessor buoy, ISL+, to enhance responsible fishing while simultaneously optimize and increase efficiency and thus productivity for fishermen. ISD+ buoy once it makes the measurements of "fishing alert", it gives an estimation of the predominant tuna specie. Based on this information, we can adjust the estimated number of tons of each layer, something that at the time was impossible to know. ISD+ model has two built-in SIMRAD scientific echo-sounders. These echo sounders transmit via satellite the amount of biomass they detect below the buoy to a depth of 115 meters. ISD+ is the most powerful buoy ever designed. It makes double sounding giving the user the ability to get more and accurate information. It is sounding every 15 minutes and transmitting the information to the vessel immediately when it detects an increase of biomass. At the end of the day, ISD+ transmits a daily summary with the best measurement per hour giving the possibility of analyzing the behavior of the tuna during the whole day.

The applicable heading for the SLX + BUOY & ISD + BUOY is 90.14 and was further classified under 9014.8000- Other navigational instruments and appliances.

90.14 – Direction finding compasses; other navigational instruments and appliances.

(II) OTHER NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES.

This group includes:

(7) Ultrasonic sounding or detecting equipment, for example, asdic, sonar or the like, used for normal sounding operations, for mapping the sea bed, for detecting submarines, wrecks, shoals of fish, etc.

**Reference;** World Customs Organisation Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System, Explanatory Notes, Seventh Edition (2022) Volume 5.

Endorsed by the Commissioner of Customs

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- The binding tariff information (BTI) provided above shall be valid for a period of 1 year from the issue date.
- BTI shall be annulled if based on inaccurate or incomplete information provided by the applicant
- As published under section 30.(7) of the Customs Management Act 2011, BTI shall cease to be valid:
  - (a) Where a regulation is adopted and the information no longer conforms to the law laid down thereby;
  - (b) Where it is no longer compatible with the legal interpretative rules for tariff classification of goods set out in the regulations;
  - (c) Where it is revoked or amended provided the revocation or amendment is notified by regulations.
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