## Types of Products Included in favourable tax policies



				Date: 10.08.2020
Countries with a special VAT treatment of menstrual products	Date*	Products covered	Citations from the document	Link to national tax law and english reference
Zero-rating:				
Canada	2015	all	Pursuant to Part II.1 of Schedule VI of the Excise Tax Act a supply of a product that is marketed exclusively for feminine hygiene purposes and is a sanitary napkin, tampon, sanitary belt, menstrual cup or other similar product is zero-rated.	https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/e-15/page- 179.html#h-201391
Colombia	2018	SP, T	The VAT on sanitary pads and tampons were previously 19%. I was agreed to be reduced to 5% becoming effecive in early 2017 under VAT change. In 2018 it was completely removed: The Constitutional Court decided in November 2018 (Decision C-117 of 2018,) taxation to be unconstitutional, confirming that sanitary towels and tampons were no longer liable to 5% VAT and were to become exempt goods.	https://www.corteconstitucional.gov.co/comunicados/No.%2048%20comunicado%2014%20y%2015%20de%20noviembre%20de%202018.pdf https://www.vatupdate.com/2018/11/26/colombian-constitutional-court-finds-vat-on-sanitary-towels-is-unconstitutional/
Colonisia	2010	OI , I	Pursuant to Schedule 2 Part 2 Nr. 13 para. 3 of the VAT Act 2010, the supply of sanitary towels and sanitary tampons is zero-rated. Menstrual cups are subject to a 23% standard rate of VAT.	https://www.revenue.ie/en/vat/vat-rates/search-vat-rates/S/sanitary-towels-other-zerorated-goods-and-servicesaspx
Ireland	1972 / 2010	SP, T		
Lesotho	2019	SP	Since April 2019, sanitary towels are added to Schedule IV of the VAT Act 2001	http://lra.org.ls/sites/default/files/2019- 04/VAT%20%5BAMENDMENT%5D%20REGULAT IONS%20NO.34%20OF%202019.pdf
	20.0	5.	In December 2018, and coming into effect, the Goods and Services Tax Bill was amended for the purpose of item 22 of Schedule 1 of the Tax vAct from 2014 to make menstrual products, previously taxed with 6% now tax exempt., other such products refers to sanitary towels, sanitary pads, panty liners, sanitary belts for use with looped towels or pads, internal devices for the collection of menstrual flow (keepers) and matemity pads produced as sanitary protection products for the absorption or collection of menstrual flow or lochia (discharge from the womb following childbirth.	https://www.mira.gov.mv/TaxLegislation/tr-2018-g47-english.pdf
Maledives	2018	all		
Mauritius	2017	SP, T, MC	According to section 11 of the VAT Act in combination with the fifth schedule Nr. 34 (in 2017), sanitary pads, tampons were zero-rated. For Nor. 35 In 2018 menstrual cups were zero-rated.	https://www.mra.mu/download/FinanceAct2017.pdf https://www.mra.mu/download/FinanceAct2018.pdf

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			Since January 2020, Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, and similar articles,	https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis document/2
			of any material' are zero-rated. However when specificying the materials i does	
			not include tampons!" limited to goods referred Sanitary towels (pads), of wadding of textile material; Pantyliners, of wadding of textile materials;	019.pdf
			Sanitary towels (pads), of paper pulp, paper, cellulosewadding or webs of	
			cellulose fibres; Pantyliners, of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding orwebs	
			of cellulose fibres; Sanitary towels (pads), of other materials of headings;	
			Sanitary towels (pads), made up from knitted or crochetedtextile material;(vii)	
			9619.00.42: Pantyliners, made up from knitted or crocheted	
			textilematerial; (viii)9619.00.91: Other, sanitary towels (pads) and pantyliners.".	
			toxinomatona, (viii) or recessor realization, carried toxico (pade) and panty interes.	
South Africa	2020	ST, PL		
			According to schedule 1, zero-rated and re-iterated in Schedule 2 No. 37 lit.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-
			(2016) e and h of the VAT Law, sanitary pads and tampons are zero-rated.	content/uploads/2016/02/Zero-rated-items-further-
				explained.pdf
	2016			https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-
	(1991,1993 or			content/uploads/2016/01/VAT-ACT-Schedule-2-
Trinidad and Tobago	1994 tbc)	SP, T		Appendix-I-Items-Retained.pdf
		- ,	Pursuant to the Third Schedule, Nr. 1 lit. j of the VAT Act 2005 (Inserted	https://www.ura.go.ug/Resources/webuploads/GNRAR
			byVAT (Am) Act 2005 and substituted by VAT (Am) Act 2009., "the supply of	T/Domestic%20Tax%20Laws%20-
			sanitarytowels and tampons and inputs for their manufacture" are zero-rated.	2016%20Updated.compressed.pdf
			The supply of menstrual cups was exempt in an amendment in 2017.	https://www.ura.go.ug/Resources/webuploads/GNRAR
			In 2020, the to exempt excise duty on raw materials used in the manufacture	T/DT Laws 2018 Edition.pdf
			of sanitary pads.	https://www.independent.co.ug/committee-approves-
Uganda	2005 / 2017	SP, T, MC		tax-exemption-on-sanitary-pad-raw-materials/
Ogarida	20007 2011	C1 , 1, WC	The reduced rate applies to the supply of any sanitary protection product that	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-on-womens-sanitary-
			is designed and marketed solely for the absorption or collection of menstrual	products-notice-70118
			flow or lochia (discharge from the womb following childbirth). Examples	https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-
			include: sanitary towels, sanitary pads, panty liners that are not designed as	briefings/sn01128/# ftnref2
			incontinence products, sanitary belts for use with looped towels or pads,	
			tampons, keepers (internal devices for the collection of menstrual flow ),	
			maternity pads for the collection of lochia.	
			Items that do not qualify for the reduced rate include: incontinence products,	
			clothing or sanitary accessories, dual-purpose products designed to protect	
	0044/0004		against both menstrual flow and incontinence	
United Kingdom	2011/ 2021	all		
Tax exemption:			NACH offers from 4 leaves a 2040 most of	https://www.lorislation.com/Data11/0202200007
			With effect from 1 January 2019, maternity pads, menstrual cups, menstrual	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020C00067
			pads and liners, menstrual underwear, tampons, and other similar products	
			specifically designed to absorb or collect lochia, menses or vaginal discharge	
Australia	2019	all	were added to Schedule 1 of the GST Act.	

			Bhutan introduced in 2020 a GST system that would replace the multiple rate	https://www.mof.gov.bt/wp-
			of sales tax as well as the customs duty with a single GST tax regime at 7%.	content/uploads/2020/07/GSTAct2020.pdf
			""Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies	https://thediplomat.com/2018/12/why-bhutans-
			and similar articles, of any materials are categories as ""an import or supply	blood-tax-needs-to-be-scrapped/
			prescribed"" as exempt under the following Bhutan Trade Classification	The dat tax needs to be serapped.
			Schedule.	
			(Note: Given the formulation 'similar articles of any materials' it could also apply	
			to menstrual cups and other menstrual hygiene products, but this has to be	
			confirmed).	
			Previously Bhutan levied a 5 percent sales tax on sanitary pads imported from	
			India, and a 30 percent import duty plus 5 percent sales tax on sanitary pads	
			and tampons imported from other countries (mostly from Thailand and	
			countries that Bhutan does not have a Free Trade Agreement with). Condoms	
			are listed under hygienic and pharmaceutical articles that are zero-rated and	
			no duty x is levied. "	
Bhutan	2020	SP, T, others tbc	no daty x lo loviou.	
Dirutaii	2020	Oi , i, otileis toc	In 2017, Guyana Revenue Authority GRA also made mention of the following	https://www.kaieteurnewsonline.com/2017/01/16/over-
			consumer items that are to be exempt: diapers such as pampers for both	40-food-items-to-be-free-of-vat/
				40-1000-items-to-be-free-or-vat/
			adults and babies; kerosene stoves; sanitary napkins or panty liners; toilet	
			tissue in rolls; bleach; soap powder; laundry soap; matches and mosquito	
Guyana	2017	SP, PL	nets.	
			In the 2018 amendmend to the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act	https://cbic-gst.gov.in/pdf/integrated-tax-rate/notfctn-
			(2017), Part II, Section 3, Sub-section which refers to tax exemption, it	20-2018-igst-rate-english.pdf
India	2018	SP, T	includes "Sanitary towels (pads) or sanitary napkins; tampons";	
		,	Pursuant to Position 45 of the Third Schedule of the General Consumption	https://www.jamaicatax.gov.jm/documents/10181/53
			Tax Act, the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff (Revision) Resolution, 1972.	1656/Zero+Rated+and+Exempt+Goods+Services.pdf/a7
			as well sanitary towels and tampons are exempt.	81beb6-3ffb-4c80-800c-d36a7bcc3cbc
				https://www.jamaicatax-
				online.gov.jm/Portal/exemption_relief.html
				http://mof.80gigs.com/wp-
				content/uploads/2018/08/MP21-2003-
la maia a	1070 / 2002 / 2014	CD T		GCT zero rated and exemptions.pdf
Jamaica	1972 / 2003 / 2014	SP, T		Life of the second of the seco
			Exempt are sanitary towes (pads) and tampons. Kenya was the first nation in	https://www.kra.go.ke/images/publications/ValueAdde
			the world to end the period tax in 2004, and also ended an import duty on	dTax ActNo35of2013.pdf
			sanitary pads in 2011. (Note: no official legal text found, but it is included into	
			the First Schedule of the VAT Act No. 35 of 2013 (revised 2018), Section A	
Kenya	2004	SP, T	Code 9619.00.10. ).	
			Pursuant to Art. 17 of the VAT Law sanitary pads and tampons are speficially	http://www.databank.com.lb/docs/VAT.pdf
			listed as examples for goods. Listed under "Medicines, drugs and	
			pharmaceutical products including those used for health and	
			pharmaceutical purposes, like for example intra-uterine devices, condoms,	
			sanitary pads and tampons, baby's diapers and similar products". (Note:	
			Given the formulation "health and pharmaceutical purspose", it could also	
			apply to menstrual cups and other menstrual hygiene products, but this has	
		-	to be confirmed).	
Lebanon	2001	SP, T, others tbc	<u>'</u>	

<u>M</u> alaysia	2017	SP, T, others tbc	Pursuant to Position 96.19 of the list of exempt goods (accessible under, that is based on Section 8 of the Sales Tax Act 1972 "Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material" are exempt. (Note: Given the formulation "similar articles", it could also apply to menstrual cups and other menstrual hygiene products, but this has to be confirmed).  Sanitary pads are exempt since 2013 (tbc). There is also no import tax on sanitary products	https://mysst.customs.gov.my/assets/document/PROPOSED%20GOODS%20EXEMPTED%20FROM%20SALES%20TAX%2016072018%20btm.pdf  http://legislacion.asamblea.gob.ni/normaweb.nsf/0/0d80f85fdb0cb5a9062581530060ab65/\$FILE/Listado%
Nicaragua	2013	SP		20de%20Bienes%20Comprendidos%20en%20el%20 Art%C3%ACculo%20127%20de%20la%20Ley%20No %20822.pdf
Nigeria	2020	SP, T, others tbc	According to Section 3 of Nigeria's VAT Act in combination with the First Schedule, Part I, Nr. 1 "all medical and pharmaceutical products" are exempt, The Nigerian Tax Authority (FIRS) accounts "Sanitary towels and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and sanitary articles" to these "Baby Products" as mentioned in position 48.18 of a Circular on Exempted Goods, published in 1997 (p. 13). Menstrual cups could be included in the term "sanitary articles". In 2020, the Federal Government has listed the sanitary pads among the 20 basic food items exempted from the Valued Added Tax (VAT) increase expected to take effect from February. There is also no import tax on sanitary products.	https://www.firs.gov.ng/sites/Authoring/contentLibrary/cee0422b-7305-48d6-f76c-81dcbf3776ec11.DETAILED%20LIST%20OF%20ITEMS%20EXEMPTED%20FROM%20VALUE%20ADDED%20TAX%20-9701.pdf
			Since December 2019 sanitary pads are tax exempt falling under a category similarly to medical equipment, education supplies and agricultural inputs. (Note: no decree or official text was found that specified the menstrual products covered).	https://www.rra.gov.rw/typo3conf/ext/complete/Resources/Public/download/pdf/vatzerorated and exempted goods-2.pdf (outdated; no newer official document found) https://www.ktpress.rw/2019/12/rwanda-scraps-value-added-tax-on-sanitary-pads/
Rwanda Saint Kitts and Nevis	2019	SP SP	On 3rdDecember 2014, the Prime Minister in his Press Conference announced that the Government would remove the Import Duty and the Value Added Tax (VAT) from a number of items in its "Family Shopping List Exemptions" which is based balanced diet, health, hygiene, childcare and education. Included in this list are tax exemption for import duty & VAT on sanitary napkins.	https://skncustoms.com/pdfs/Memo%20to%20Importers%20re%20Family%20Shopping%20List-Revised.pdf.
			The government provides a VAT exemption for "a product for the purpose of absorbing and treating female secretions as a cotton product and similar products provided for hygiene purposes" designated by the Minister of Health and Welfare in 2004.  in 2018, the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety approved sales of menstrual cups, and amended the subparagraph 7 of Article 2 of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law as follows: "Menstrual blood hygiene products 1) Sanitary napkin 2) Tampon 3) Menstrual cup". (Note: Given the formulation "similar products", it could also apply to menstrual cups and other menstrual hygiene products, but this has to be confirmed).  In 2004, the Ministry of Finance and Economy start imposing a value added tax of 10 percent on imported sanitary pads to protect domestic productiob. Since 2017, it is duty free under 2- Article 26 (Duty-Free on Supply of Goods or Services 1-4. Women's menstrual hygiene products).	https://txsi.hometax.go.kr/docs/customer/case/qna_view.jsp?log_docu_kind=%EC%A7%88%EC%9D%98&log_textItem=15&andSearchWord=&docu_kind=%EC%A7%88%EC%9D%98&textItem=15&textItemNm=%EB%B6%80%EA%B0%80%EA%B0%80%EC%B9%98%EC%84%B8&cpage=1&keytype=taxitem_cd&keyword=15&where_str=&body=1&docu_no_str=&juje_title=null&juje_jomun_key=null&juje_law_id=null&docu_no=75035&Sorttype=titlenote&view_list_nums2=titlenote&seltype=1&searchWord=https://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/article/article.aspx?aid=2469824http://www.law.go.kr/%EB%B2%95%EB%A0%B9/%EB%B6%80%EA%B0%80%EA%B0%80%EC%B9%98%EC%84%B8%EB%B2%95
South Korea	2004	SP, T, MC, others tbc		

Announced in December 2017 through an amendmended of the Royal Decree, and approved in July 2018 by the national House of Representatives, the taxed was reduced from 21% to 6% for all types of menstrual products (sanitary pads, tampons, panty slips and similar products destined for femine hygiene protection as well as intimate wipes intended for the hygienic protection of the genital area of persons other than babies, aims to reduce the costs of these products.  Belgium 2018 all  Pursuant to Schedule 5 (based on Section 18), Table A, No. 13 of the VAT law products used for women's sanitary protection are rated with 5 % instead of 19 % sanitary and toiletry products and medical devices intended for the personal use of disabled persons for the purposes of the Medical Devices Act and technical aid for the purposes of the Social Welfare Act which are specified in the list established by a regulation of the minister responsible for the area and the grant of use of temedical devices to disabled person. Sanitary and toiletry products*, Section 15 para. 2 no. 2 VAT Law 2003.  Estonia 2004 all - but only for disabled (tbc)  The VAT on "sanitary protection for women" was reduced from 19.6% to 5.5% in December 2015. Pursuant to Art. 278-0 bis A. No. 1*bis of the VAT Law (1954), feminine hygiene products.  Annex 2 No. 55 of the VAT Law (as amended in December 2019) mentions products for the purposes of monthly sanitary hygiene, namely (a) sanitary towels (pads) and tampons made of any material, (b) hygienic articles made of plastics (menstrual cups, menstrual sponges), (c) articles of soft ubber for	nt/e2a160b0-dd99- n/2018/11/07/14- ame-vat-on-sanitary- acco-beer-and-wine/ compare original/53010
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hygienic purposes (menstrual cups), (d) natural sponges of animal origin (menstrual sponges), (e) period trousers (briefs and other underpants with an incorporated absorbent insert, for multiple use) that are rated with 7 % instead of 19 % (respectively with 5 % instead of 16 % from 1 July 2020 to 31  December 2020).  Germany  2020  all	customs/sites/taxation/fi tion/vat/how vat works/
The Italian sales tax (IVA) on reusable menstrual products, which are compostable/ biodregradable (according to UNI 13432: 200) or washable, and for menstrual cups will fall from 22 % to 5% percent under an amendment made to the government's fiscal decree to Art. 32-ter of legislative decree 124/2019 converted into law no. 157/2019, which was reintroduced to the budget plan tax decree in December 2019.  The Italian sales tax (IVA) on reusable menstrual products, which are can be https://www.gazzettaufficiale.it caDettaglioAtto/originario?atto attaining cate and the potential products, which are can be https://www.gazzettaufficiale.it caDettaglioAtto/originario?atto attaining cate and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products, which are can be taken and the potential products and the products and the products are can be producted and the product and the products and the products are can be producted and the products and the products are can be producted and the products are can be producted and the product and the prod	.dataPubblicazioneGaz 9G00164&elenco30gior
Coming into force in May 2019, Luxembourg is extending the super-reduced   https://ec.europa.eu/taxation   3% rate of VAT to feminine hygiene products including: Sanitary towels   https://ec.europa.eu/taxation   https://ec.europa.eu/taxation   https://ec.europa.eu/taxation   https://ec.europa.eu/taxation   https://ec.europa.eu/taxation   sponges and similar feminine hygiene products.	
Luxembourg 2019 all rates/vat rates en.pdf	customs/tedb/taxDetails te_structureTitle1 customs/sites/taxation/fi

the Slovak Republic	2008	SP, T, others tbc		
			Pursuant to Code 9619 00 of Annex 7 to the VAT Law, sanitary pads and tampons are taxed at the reduced rate of 10 % instead of 20 %. Annex 7 - Code 961900: "Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies, and similar articles, of any material – intended for incontinence only". This is in effect since to Act No. 222/2004 Coll. as amended by Act No. 656/2006 Coll. (Note: The formulation is unclear if "similar articles of any material", could also apply to menstrual cups and other menstrual hygiene products. This has to be confirmed).	
Poland	2020	SP, T, others tbc  SP, T, MC, others tbc	I No. 2.5 c) of the VAT Law - earliest to be traced from 2008 stating ("Pastes, gauze, cotton wool, adhesive strips and dressings and other similar supports, whether impregnated or coated with any substances, for hygienic, medicinal or surgical uses;" . In March 2016, menstrual cups were added by Law No. 7-A / 2016 (2.5 f) (Note: Given the formulation hygienic uses", it could also apply to other menstrual hygiene products, but this has to be confirmed).	.html?id=470/1585905389#rate structureTitle1
			The Polish president signed an amendment on the VAT Acts on August 29, 2019, which came into effect in April 2020. Hygiene products ("sanitary pads and tampons, diapers and insoles for babies and similar products") – will be subject to a 5% rate, before they were taxed with an 8% rate; See attachment No. 3 and No. 10 to the VAT Act. (Note: Given the formulation "similar products", it could also apply to menstrual cups and other menstrual hygiene products, but this has to be confirmed).	http://orka.sejm.gov.pl/proc8.nsf/ustawy/3255_u.htm https://polishtax.com/new-matrix-of-vat-rates-in-poland/
the Netherlands	2017	SP, T, others tbc	Since 2017 are taxed at a reduced rate instead of 21 % . The initial reduced	https://www.belastingdienst.nl/wps/wcm/connect/bldcontentnl/belastingdienst/zakelijk/btw/tarieven_en_vrijstellingen/goederen_9_btw/geneesmiddelen_en_hulpmiddelen/verbandmiddelen/https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tedb/taxDetailshtml?id=448/1577833200#rate_structureTitle1
Malta (tbc)	unclear	SP, PL of wadding of textile materials	Malta taxes items for medical accessories with a rate of 5%. The Tax Law includes code 9619 00 31 and 9619 00 39 = (revised code 9619 00 30 ), which actually refers to "Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies, and similar articles", but only "of wadding of textile material".	http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocumentaspx?app=lom&itemid=8872&l=1

			Pursuant to Art. 91(1) Nr. 6 lit. b of the VAT Law (LIVA) (b) Sanitary pads,	https://www.supercontable.com/informacion/IVA Impu
			tampons, pantyliners, condoms and oher nonmedical contraceptives are taxed	esto valor a%C3%B1adido/Art.91 Ley 37-1992-
			at a reduced rate of 10% since 2012. Prior they were taxed with 8%.	Impuesto sobre el Valor A%C3%B1adido-
			Although a super-reduced rate of 4% was proposed in 2019, However, this	<u>IVA.html</u>
			tax was never modified, because although the measure was included in the	https://www.agenciatributaria.es/static_files/AEAT/Con
			General State Budgets, these were not approved since. The Government	tenidos Comunes/La Agencia Tributaria/Segmentos
			calculates that the VAT reduction of feminine hygiene products will mean a	Usuarios/Empresas y profesionales/Novedades IV
			reduction in income of 18 million euros.	A 2014/Nuevos tipos IVA.pdf
			In Canarias, the Canarian Government abolishes the 3% tax on sanitary pads	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tedb/taxDetails
			and tampons in 2017, coming into effect 1January 2018. It was also asked to	.html?id=240/1577833200
			nclude menstrual cups and organic compresses, i However, this amendment	
			was not accepted. This exemption under the Canarian General Indirect Tax	
			(IGIC), is a special exemption under EU VAT directive, which allows the	
			Canary Islands to have a different system of indirect taxation from the Spanish	
			mainland, as well as the rest of European member states.	
Spain	2012/2018	SP, T, PL		
			In 2018, the Ministry of Health decided to apply the VAT rate of 5% to	https://thuvienphapluat.vn/van-ban/thue-phi-le-
			medical devices, in accordance with Circular 65/2017/TT-BTC published on	phi/circular-no-26-2015-tt-btc-guidelines-for-value-
			27 June.	added-tax-and-tax-administration-no-12-2015-nd-cp-
			Cotton wool, bandages, gauze pads, and medical tampons; " pursuant to Art.	<u>268578.aspx</u>
			8 para. 2 lit. I of the VAT Law.	https://www.andamanmed.com/vat/
			The classification of a product as a medical device is based on Clause 8, Art	https://hptoancau.com/en/import-procedure-of-sanitary-
			1, Circular 26/2015/TT-BTC published on 27 February 2015 by the Ministry of	towels-to-vietnam/
			Finance. 8, Art Sanitary towels's HS code 9619 - Sanitary towels (pads) and	
			tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any	
			material. HS code 96190012 - Sanitary towels and tampons of paper, paper	
\	2040	05 7 4 4	pulp, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres.	
Vietnam	2018	SP, T, others tbc		

<sup>\*</sup> fiscal year when tax change came into effect, not when the reduction or exemption was approved

\*\* SP= Sanitary pad, T = Tampon, PL = panty liner, MC= Menstrual Cup