

Duty Free Essential Goods

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*Effective May
2026 for three
months, through
July 2026.*

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The basic food and hygienic items your family needs should not be out of reach.

Adjustment of duties on a Basket of Goods (3 months) will ensure a list of almost 100 items remain affordable to all and are available across multiple stores.

This protects access to food and necessities. The list of items that will appear in the Basket of Goods might be extended at some stores to contain additional items.

**Necessities will not
be treated as luxury.
These are things you
need, not things you**



To ensure affordability of basic necessities, the Government of The Virgin Islands has introduced a temporary adjustment of duties on a defined Basket of Goods.

For a three-month period beginning May 2026, the cost of nearly 100 essential items will either be reduced or duties eliminated.

This measure is designed to maintain access to food and household necessities across the Virgin Islands.

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