STAMP DUTY AMENDMENTS

SN	Amendment	Justification
1.	 Government has in addition to earlier conditions necessary for stamp duty exemption for operators in strategic investment projects (specified in Item 60 A (iii) of the Second Schedule of the Stamp Duty Act) included: a. Capacity to use at least 50% of the locally produced raw materials, subject to availability. b. Capacity to employ a minimum of one hundred citizens This means that such investors must have capacity to use 50% of raw materials sourced locally and must be able to employ a minimum of 100 citizens. 	Investment incentive for the manufacturing sector
2.	 Government has exempted a manufacturer whose investment capital is 50 million US dollars from stamp duty on execution of the following documents; i) debenture; whether a mortgage debenture or not, being of a marketable security – of total value; ii) further charge; any instrument imposing a further charge on a mortgaged property –of total value; iii) lease of land – of total value; iv) increase of share capital; v) transfer of land; vi) an agreement to provide services on conducting a feasibility study or developing a design for construction."; Conditions for the above exemption a) In case of a new manufacturer, who is subject to availability, has capacity to use at least 70% of the locally produced raw materials, and employs at least 70% citizens with an aggregate wage bill of the new manufacturer and whose investment capital is at least 50 million US Dollars 	 Investment incentive for the manufacturers whose investment capital is 50 million US Dollars

 b) In case of an existing manufacturer who subject to availability has capacity to use at least 70% of the locally produced raw materials, and employs at least 70% citizens with an aggregate wage bill of the existing manufacturer from the date on which the manufacturer makes an additional investment equivalent of 50 million US Dollars