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**BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN FUEL TAX RATE**

Claudette Watson-Anderson, Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue, advises all gasoline and diesel importers that effective Monday, July 16, 2012, the fuel tax rate will increase from 7 cents to 14 cents.

“The fuel tax will be collected at the time of importation into the territory. In St. Thomas, importers must pay the 14 cents tax at the Excise office in the Nisky Shopping Center before clearing the shipment. In St. Croix, importers must pay the 14 cents tax at Gallows Bay and the Airport. Importers are reminded that there is no cash collection at the ports of entry on both islands. Credit cards and checks are accepted for payment of the fuel tax,” Watson-Anderson stated.

Importers will be required to confirm the gallons of gasoline or diesel being imported in order to calculate the tax due each and every time there is a shipment to be released. A new tax form has been implemented to assist with this process.

In addition, the monthly fuel tax return has been revised to allow for the upfront payments of this tax to be treated as a credit towards each month's tax liability. Fuel tax returns are due 30 days following the close of each month.

Revised forms are available at the excise tax locations and also on the bureau's website at [www.viirb.com](http://www.viirb.com). Questions concerning the fuel tax increase should be directed to Tamarah Parson-Small at 714-9310.

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