

TECHNICAL ADVISORY

Re: STAMP DUTY & TRANSFER TAX

Legislative Reference: *Stamp Duty and Transfer Tax Acts*
Provisional Collection of Tax (Stamp Duty) (No. 2) Order 2009
Provisional Collection of Tax (Transfer Tax) (No. 2) Order 2009

Reduction in Rates of Stamp Duty and Transfer Tax

The Honorable Minister of Finance in his Budget presentation announced a reduction in the rates for Stamp Duty and Transfer Tax; this was scheduled to be effective January 1, 2010; however the effective date has been changed to August 1, 2009.

Effective August 1, 2009

TRANSFER TAX

The transfer tax rate payable on property and other securities transactions will be reduced to 4% down from 5%.

This is applicable for transactions with an execution date on or after August 1, 2009.

STAMP DUTY

The applicable Stamp duty is reduced to 3% down from 4.5%.

Stamp duty is charged at the prevailing rate at the date of presentation of the documents; hence documents presented on or after August 1, 2009 will have the new rate being applied.