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VI Government To Businesses: Pay Your Taxes Or Get Exposed

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The Virgin Islands Government is reminding businesses and entities, and the owners thereof who are delinquent in tax payments, that their names will be released to the public if action is not taken to resolve the amount owed, a release issued by Government House has revealed.

According to Claudette Watson-Anderson, director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the list will include taxpayers who have been delinquent prior to January 1, 2014. Delinquent taxpayers were given 30 days prior to this reminder to pay the money owed the Government, and the latest notice serves as a last warning before the names are released for publication through media outlets, the Government House

statement says.

Watson-Anderson cites VI law section of 8(a) of Act No. 7261, as amended by Act No. 7559, which gives BIR the authority to publish the names, and is "strongly" urging gross receipts and hotel room delinquent taxpayers to make full payment with the Bureau or set up an installment agreement to "satisfy the outstanding obligation" to avoid being included in the pending publication of delinquent tax payers.