

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE ECONOMY
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

NO. 11 OF 2014

**CHANGING THE WAY WE WORK TO A TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN WORKPLACE
[9] - REGULATORY APPROVALS AND ENDORSEMENTS FOR IMPORTS**

All Importers are hereby advised that Regulatory Approvals/Endorsements for all *e*-C82 Import Declarations registered in the C.B.C.S. with effect from **Monday, 7th April, 2014** shall be obtained electronically through the TTBizlink/C.B.C.S Interface from the following Government Agencies:

- Trade Licence Unit (TLU) Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment (MTII)
- Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards
- Chemistry, Food and Drugs Division of the Ministry of Health
- Plant Quarantine Services of the Ministry of Food Production

Additionally, the MTII has mapped the various items on the Import Negative List to approximately five hundred and twenty-two (522) specific Tariff Lines in the First Schedule of the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01, published vide Legal Notice No. 22 of 2007.

The effect of this measure is that the Trade Licence Unit of MTII shall **only provide its endorsements on Import Declarations which contain the tariff lines enumerated on the list provided by the MTII.** Import Declarations which do not contain the said specified tariff lines **will no longer** be endorsed by the Trade Licence Unit of MTII.

Importers and Exporters are to note that all *e*-C82 Import Declarations under the IMS Regime shall be processed manually by the above Government Agencies until further notice.

Importers are to be guided accordingly.

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Ag. Comptroller of Customs and Excise
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