

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

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS & EXPORTERS

NO. 15 of 2013

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE CUSTOMS ACT, CHAPTER
78:01-INSERTION OF THE NINTH AND TENTH
SCHEDULES**

The attention of all Importers and Exporters is drawn to the provisions of **Acts Nos. 6 and 9 of 2013** which amend the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01 **with effect from the dates of Assent.**

Act No. 6 of 2013 – Assented to on 10th July, 2013:

An Act to amend the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01 to enhance border control by providing for *advance passenger and cargo information to be submitted electronically* to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise and for related matters.

Consequently, the Customs Act, Chapter 78; 01 is amended as detailed below:

- Repeal and Replacing of Sections 72, 73, 74, 75 and 79;
- Insertion of Section 212A;
- Amendment of Sections 216, 217, 259;
- Insertion of New Sections from 268 to 280; and
- Insertion of the Ninth Schedule.

Act No. 9 of 2013: Assented to on 17th July, 2013

An Act to give effect to the *Economic Partnership Agreement* between CARIFORUM States (Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic) and the European Community; to effect consequential amendments to the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 and for related matters.

Consequently, the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01 is amended as detailed below:

- Insertion of Section 6B; and
- Insertion of the Tenth Schedule.

It is to be noted that Articles 31, 67, 68, 72, 81 to 83, 146, 148, 150, 165 to 182, 197 to 201, 238, Annex III, Appendix I to Annex III, Appendix II to Annex III, Annex IVe, Annex IVf and Annex VI of the Agreement shall come into effect on such dates as are fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Importers and Exporters are advised that the implementation date for the official EPA Stamp is 19th August, 2013. Notice to Importers No. 8 of 2013 is relevant.

Importers and Exporters are to be guided accordingly.

**Comptroller of Customs & Excise
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