

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

**NOTICE TO IMPORTERS  
NO. 1 OF 2017**

**SUBJECT: THE COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF (SUSPENSION and  
VARIATION of DUTY) (NOS. 3 - 7) ORDERS, 2016**

The attention of all importers is drawn to the Suspension and Variation of Duty of the Common External Tariff (CET) in respect of items contained in the Orders tabled below.

**CET (SUSPENSION and VARIATION of DUTY) (NOS. 3 - 7) ORDERS 2016**

<b>Description of Goods</b>	<b>CET Suspension Order made by the Minister under Section 8A(1)</b>	<b>Legal Notice No./Period of Suspension</b>	<b>CET Variation Order made by the President under Section 8A(2)</b>	<b>Legal Notice No./Period of Variation</b>
Refined Sugar	CET (Suspension) (No. 3)	Legal Notice No. 211 of 2016 01.01.17 to 31.12.17	CET (Variation of Duty) (No. 3)	Legal Notice No. 212 of 2016 01.01.17 to 31.12.17
List of Basic Food Items	CET (Suspension) (No. 4)	Legal Notice No. 213 of 2016 01.01.17 to 31.12.17	CET (Variation of Duty) (No. 4)	Legal Notice No. 214 of 2016 01.01.17 to 31.12.17
List of Additional Items	CET (Suspension) (No. 5)	Legal Notice No. 215 of 2016 01.01.17 to 31.12.17	CET (Variation of Duty) (No. 5)	Legal Notice No. 216 of 2016 01.01.17 to 31.12.17
<i>Virgin Olive Oil</i>		<i>01.06.17 to 31.05.18</i>		<i>01.06.17 to 31.05.18</i>
<i>Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof</i>		<i>01.01.17 to 31.12.17</i>		<i>01.01.17 to 31.12.17</i>

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List of Products to Prevent the Spread of Mosquito Borne Diseases	CET (Suspension) (No. 6)	Legal Notice No. 217 of 2016 <b>29.12.16 to 25.05.18</b>	CET (Variation of Duty) (No. 6)	Legal Notice No. 218 of 2016 <b>29.12.16 to 25.05.18</b>
List of Medicaments	CET (Suspension) (No. 7)	Legal Notice No. 219 of 2016 <b>01.01.17 to 31.12.18</b>	CET (Variation of Duty) (No. 7)	Legal Notice No. 220 of 2016 <b>01.01.17 to 31.12.18</b>

The effect of Orders **Nos. 3-6** is that the selected items enumerated in the First and Second Columns of Legal Notice Nos. **211 - 218 of 2016**, entered during the periods specified in the Fourth Column shall attract a rate of Duty as detailed in the Third Column of the said Legal Notices.

The effect of Order **No. 7** is that **all** medicaments entered during the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018 **excluding** the list of medicaments enumerated in Legal Notice Nos. 219 and 220 of 2016 shall be admitted free of Customs Duty. The medicaments listed in the said Legal Notices will **continue to attract the rate of Customs Duty as set out in the Common External Tariff**.

Importers are asked to note the following:

- i. The Suspension/Variation of Duty **was not renewed for cheese** resulting in the application of the rate of Customs Duty as set out in the Common External Tariff for this food item;
- ii. The rate of Customs Duty in respect of Virgin Olive Oil, THN 1509.10.00, has been varied from **0% to 20%** for the period **01.06.17 to 31.05.18** in accordance with Legal Notice No. 216 of 2016;
- iii. The rate of Customs Duty in respect of Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, THN 1512.19.00, has been varied from **0% to 20%** for the period **01.01.17 to 31.12.17** in accordance with Legal Notice No. 216 of 2016; and
- iv. The Suspension/Variation of Duty in respect of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Surveillance Cameras, THN Ex 8525.80.00 set out in Legal Notice Nos. 215 and 216 of 2016 is applicable to CCTV Surveillance Systems as it relates to:

(1) Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems as presented, put up in packages for retail sale comprising the following main components:

- (a) CCTV camera(s);
  - (b) Video cassette recorder (VCR) or digital video recorder (DVR);
  - (c) video monitor(s);
  - (d) cables; and
  - (e) a controller, switches, audio board/receivers.
- (2) The CCTV systems referred to in paragraph (1) which shall have the following minimum specifications:
- (a) in analog systems, a complete analog surveillance kit with digital video recorder, day/night 560 television lines resolution (TVL) cameras and infrared light emitting diodes (LEDs), with installation materials; or
  - (b) in digital systems, a surveillance system with internet protocol (IP) security cameras, network video recorder and installation materials.
- (3) The CCTV systems referred to in paragraph (1) which shall–
- (a) be National Television System Committee (NTSC) compatible;
  - (b) have a minimum of–
    - (i) 560 TV lines, in respect of analog systems; or
    - (ii) 1 megapixel, in respect of digital systems; and
  - (c) have a minimum of 1.0 luminous flux per unit area (lux).
- (4) The CCTV systems referred to in paragraph (1) which may–
- (a) have infrared LEDs; and
  - (b) contain kits of 4, 8, 16, 24 or 36 cameras.

**Legal Notice Nos. 211 to 220 of 2016** can be viewed via <http://www.news.gov.tt/archive//E-Gazette/Gazette%202016/Legal%20Notice/>

Importers are to be guided accordingly.

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