

PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE CUSTOMS & EXCISE DIVISION
VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAMME - VCP

The mission of the Trinidad and Tobago Customs and Excise Division is “to protect our borders and provide increased security to the global trade supply chain by enforcing compliance with all laws and regulations under which we are empowered to act”. Effective Border Security engenders national confidence and safety, as well as support economic growth and development by facilitating legitimate trade and travel, revenue generation and collection”.

The Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Finance has implemented “Risk Management and Post Clearance Audit” in Customs in an effort to facilitate legitimate trade and perform its essential functions in Border Protection and the collection of revenue.

In an effort to maximise resources and achieve higher efficiency, the Comptroller of Customs and Excise has revised the Voluntary Compliance Programme to encourage voluntary compliance among our traders. Based on the present capacity of the Division, the initial criteria for participation in the VCP shall facilitate the proper management of the programme.

The programme shall be initiated on 1st October, 2022 with an official launch by the Comptroller of Customs & Excise with the following:

1. **The NOTICE TO IMPORTERS** - Requirements to Participate in the Voluntary Compliance Programme VCP

The Comptroller remains committed to the facilitation of compliant trade through the provision of the new improved VCP that offers transparency and accessibility.



Comptroller of Customs & Excise

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