

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

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS/EXPORTERS

No. 8 of 2013

SUBJECT: OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO UNDER THE COMMUNITY RULES OF ORIGIN

Attention is drawn to all Importers/Exporters that the Officers in Charge, Excise, stationed at Caribbean Development Company Ltd. and Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd. (Petrotrin), have been designated as two of the Competent “Certifying” Authorities for all Certificates of Origin issued under the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) and the CARIFORUM-EC Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

Notice to Importers/Exporters No.9A of 2012, highlighted the requirement of a Certificate of Origin to accompany all goods exported under Bilateral Trade Agreements, which shall be duly endorsed by the Competent “Certifying” Authority in order to qualify as being of Community Origin and also of the Cabinet Decision to ratify the execution of the functions of the Certifying Authority to the Customs & Excise Division.

The revised list of Offices in the Customs & Excise Division designated as the Competent “Certifying” Authorities for all Certificates of Origin issued under the CBI and the EPA is detailed hereunder:-

- Collector, Southern Districts; Supervisor, Southern Districts.
- Collector, Piarco & Air Services; Supervisor, Air Services.
- Collector, Port of Spain Wharves; Supervisor, Port of Spain Wharves.
- Supervisor, Tobago.
- Supervisor, Container Examination Station, Pt. Lisas.
- Officer in Charge, Excise stationed at Caribbean Development Company Ltd.
- Officer in Charge, stationed at Petroleum Company of Trinidad & Tobago (Petrotrin).
- All Assistant Comptrollers (where the above listed officers are unavailable).

All other procedures and directives outlined in Notice to Importers/Exporters No.9A of 2012 remain in force and a copy is attached herewith for ease of reference.

Comptroller of Customs & Excise

Custom House, Port of Spain

Ref. No: C&E 11/1/1

Dated: 17/04/2013