

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS/EXPORTERS

NO. 9A of 2012

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

All Importers/Exporters are hereby advised of 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 to Cabinet Decision to ratify the execution of the functions of the Certifying Authority.

The Customs & Excise Division is the Competent “Certifying” Authority for all goods exported under the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) and the CARIFORUM-EC Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

All Exporters are hereby advised that the holders of the following Offices of the Customs & Excise Division have been designated the Competent “Certifying” Authorities for all Certificates of Origin issued under the CBI and the EPA.

- 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

All Assistant Comptrollers are also designated Competent “Certifying” Authorities and shall perform such duties where the Officers listed above are unavailable.

All Exporters are to note that the Customs & Excise Division shall cease the issuance of Certificates of Origin under the CARICOM Free Trade Agreement **effective 4.00 pm on Monday 27th August, 2012** and that this is now the responsibility of the Business Development Company Ltd.

Comptroller of Customs & Excise
Dated: 23/08/2012