

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

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS

NO. 14 of 2013

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS OF “AUTHORISED COURIERS”

The attention of all Importers is drawn to Notice to Importers No. 11 of 2013 which advised of the establishment of a Register of “Authorised Couriers” who are authorised to operate at a Customs Area/Customs Bonded Area designated for the processing of “Immediate Release Goods”.

The Authorised Courier and the consignor/consignee have agreed to have the Authorised Courier act as agent in the shipping and clearing of the goods imported.

The Comptroller has verified that the term of delivery for each Authorised Courier’s consignment is “D.D.P.”, i.e. Delivery Duty Paid and consequently the following guidelines apply:

1. The Authorised Courier must employ the services of a licensed Customs Broker or Clerk to act on their behalf in connection with the entering and clearing of “immediate release goods”, including the preparation and submission of the Simplified Declaration to the CBCS.
2. The Authorized Courier must make all records of the details of the consignments available to the Preventive Branch for Investigation purposes.

Consequently, all Authorised Couriers **shall not** be required to present a letter of authorization and picture identification from each consignee for the clearance of “Immediate Release Goods”.

Importers are to be guided accordingly.

**Comptroller of Customs & Excise
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