

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

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

NO. 5 OF 2014

**CHANGING THE WAY WE WORK TO A TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN
WORKPLACE [8]**

The attention of all Importers and Exporters is drawn to Act No.6 of 2013 that advised of the amendments to the Regulations of the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01, published vide Legal Notice No. 225 of 2013.

Importers and Exporters are advised that with effect from the dates listed hereunder, all Agents and Cargo Reporters are required to submit the Advance Passenger and Cargo Information (electronic version) to the Comptroller of the Customs & Excise Division, by means of a data message in the prescribed manner.

This measure takes effect from the dates indicated:

- (a) Vessels reporting at the Port of Pt Lisas - Monday 17th February 2014
- (b) Vessels reporting at the Port of Port Spain - Monday 10th March 2014
- (c) Aircraft reporting at Piarco International Airport - Monday 17th March 2014

Failure by Agents and Cargo Reporters to comply may result in penalties as prescribed under the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01.

Importers and Exporters are to ensure that the copy of the prescribed Advance Passenger and Cargo Information is consistent with:

1. Part A and B of the Schedule of Legal Notice 225 of 2013.
2. The prescribed manner of the electronic version of the Advance Passenger and Cargo Information.

Importers and Exporters are to be guided accordingly.

Ag. Comptroller of Customs and Excise
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