

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

**NOTICE TO IMPORTERS NO. 10 OF 2020**

**SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR THE CLEARANCE OF  
EXPRESS CONSIGNMENTS AND CARGO AT TRANSIT  
SHEDS**

In light of the threat posed by the Covid-19 virus and the measures implemented by the Government to mitigate the spread of the virus as detailed in Legal notice No.63 of 2020, the Comptroller of Customs and Excise in adhering to the instructions therein, has taken the necessary steps to ensure that the guidelines with respect to social gatherings are **strictly** observed. These measures would limit contact and interaction among staff of the Division, staff of the Transit Sheds, members of the Public and other stakeholders. **We must all play an active role in safeguarding the spread of this disease.**

In this regard the Operations at All Transit Sheds shall be as follows:

1. The delivery of Cargo shall be **strictly** between the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday to Friday **without exception.**
2. The delivery of Express Consignments at A.B.L. and Swissport shall be **strictly** between the hours of 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. on Monday to Friday **without exception.**
3. No cargo shall be delivered on Weekends and Public Holidays **without exception.**
4. The delivery of time sensitive and other shipments deemed to be urgent by the Comptroller shall be accommodated outside operational hours.
5. The unstuffing/unloading/receipt of Cargo shall continue to be facilitated in accordance with Legal Notice No.63 of 2020.

This measure will be in effect from March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 until further notice.

All Agents and Transit Shed Operators are also reminded to strictly adhere to all the necessary Health and Safety Protocols implemented, in order to safeguard themselves as well as the Officers they interact with daily.

Please be guided accordingly.



.....*M. Mathews*.....

Comptroller of Customs & Excise

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