

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS & EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS NO. 6 OF 2023

**SUBJECT: THE PROHIBITION (CARRIAGE COASTWISE,
IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDER,
2023 – (COPPER)**

The attention of all Importers and Exporters is drawn to an amendment to the Third Schedule to the Prohibition (Carriage Coastwise, Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) (No.2) Order, 2022 (L.N. 183/2022) made under Section 44 of the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01 which is published as **Legal Notice No. 66 of 2023**.

The Third Schedule to the Order is amended -

- (a) in the heading entitled “Goods requiring export licences” in item 1, by deleting the words –
 - i) “copper,”; and
 - ii) “non-ferrous scrap and old metal, scrap and waste zinc,”; and
- (b) by inserting after the item entitled “Teak, Timber and Pine Logs”, the following item:

“Copper

- 1. The exportation of copper is prohibited except by –
 - (a) manufacturers licensed by the Minister with responsibility for trade, to export old metal as a by-product of manufacturing goods or as surplus materials not required for manufacturing them, pursuant to the Prohibition (Carriage Coastwise, Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2022; or
 - (b) manufacturers licensed by the Minister with responsibility for trade, to export copper as a by-product of manufacturing articles or as surplus materials not required for manufacturing them.
- 2. A manufacturer shall be eligible for a licence to export copper pursuant to paragraph 1(b) where –
 - (a) the manufacturer provides a letter indicating the source from which the copper was obtained and detailing –
 - (i) the type, value and weight of copper raw material imported or purchased locally; and
 - (ii) the quantity of copper being exported, which should not exceed the quantity of copper raw material imported or purchased locally;
 - (b) the manufacturer provides a packing list or invoice which details the specific description, quantity and value of the copper being exported;
 - (c) a site visit is conducted by the Trade Licence Unit of the Ministry with responsibility for trade to ensure that the manufacturer is involved in manufacturing and generating copper as either –


- (i) a by-product of manufacturing articles; or
 - (ii) surplus material not required for manufacturing articles;
- (d) on or after the coming into force of this paragraph, the manufacturer submits to an inspection by the Customs and Excise Division of the copper to be exported, whether or not the copper had previously been inspected by the Customs and Excise Division; and
- (e) in the case of a manufacturer who is a first time applicant for a licence to export copper pursuant to paragraph 1(b), the manufacturer provides a company profile which includes –
- (i) the type of business activity;
 - (ii) the sourcing of input;
 - (iii) its processes;
 - (iv) its products;
 - (v) its by-products; and
 - (vi) its production levels; and
- (f) in the case of a manufacturer who is a repeat applicant for a licence to export copper pursuant to paragraph 1(b), the manufacturer provides –
- (i) an account of the utilisation of the last licence issued; and
 - (ii) copies of its shipping documents, such as the export of shipment, CARICOM invoice and Bill of Lading.”

The Prohibition (Carriage Coastwise, Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) Order, 2023 comes into effect on **24th February, 2023** and expires on **23rd February, 2024**.

The Prohibition (Carriage Coastwise, Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) Order (No.2), 2022 has been revoked.

A copy Legal Notice No. 66 of 2023 is attached for ease of reference.

Importers and Exporters are to be guided accordingly.


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Ms. Yasmin Harris
Comptroller of Customs & Excise (Ag)
Custom House, Port of Spain
Ref. No.: C&E 3/16/1/1/2
Dated: 15/03/2023



LEGAL NOTICE NO. 66

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE CUSTOMS ACT, CHAP. 78:01

ORDER

MADE BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 44 OF THE CUSTOMS ACT

THE PROHIBITION (CARRIAGE COASTWISE, IMPORTATION
AND EXPORTATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 2023

1. This Order may be cited as the Prohibition (Carriage Coastwise, Citation
Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) Order, 2023.

2. The Prohibition (Carriage Coastwise, Importation and Exportation) Legal Notice
(Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2022 is revoked. No. 183 of
2022 revoked

3. The Third Schedule to the Prohibition (Carriage Coastwise, Third Schedule
Importation and Exportation) Order is amended— amended
Chap. 78:01

(a) in the heading entitled “Goods requiring export licences” in
item 1, by deleting the words—

(i) “copper,”; and

(ii) “non-ferrous scrap and old metal, scrap and waste
zinc,”; and

(b) by inserting after the item entitled “Teak, Timber and Pine
Logs”, the following item:

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responsibility for trade, to export old metal as a
by-product of manufacturing goods or as surplus
materials not required for manufacturing them,
pursuant to the Prohibition (Carriage Coastwise,
Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) (No. 2)
Order, 2022; or

(b) manufacturers licensed by the Minister with
responsibility for trade, to export copper as a
by-product of manufacturing articles or as surplus
materials not required for manufacturing them.

2. A manufacturer shall be eligible for a licence to export copper pursuant to paragraph 1(b) where—
- (a) the manufacturer provides a letter indicating the source from which the copper was obtained and detailing—
 - (i) the type, value and weight of copper raw material imported or purchased locally; and
 - (ii) the quantity of copper being exported, which should not exceed the quantity of copper raw material imported or purchased locally;
 - (b) the manufacturer provides a packing list or invoice which details the specific description, quantity and value of the copper being exported;
 - (c) a site visit is conducted by the Trade Licence Unit of the Ministry with responsibility for trade to ensure that the manufacturer is involved in manufacturing and generating copper as either—
 - (i) a by-product of manufacturing articles; or
 - (ii) surplus material not required for manufacturing articles;
 - (d) on or after the coming into force of this paragraph, the manufacturer submits to an inspection by the Customs and Excise Division of the copper to be exported, whether or not the copper had previously been inspected by the Customs and Excise Division; and
 - (e) in the case of a manufacturer who is a first time applicant for a licence to export copper pursuant to paragraph 1(b), the manufacturer provides a company profile which includes—
 - (i) the type of business activity;
 - (ii) the sourcing of input;
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 - (iv) its products;
 - (v) its by-products; and
 - (vi) its production levels; and

(f) in the case of a manufacturer who is a repeat applicant for a licence to export copper pursuant to paragraph 1(b), the manufacturer provides—

(i) an account of the utilisation of the last licence issued; and

(ii) copies of its shipping documents, such as the export of shipment, CARICOM invoice and Bill of Lading.”.

4. This Order comes into effect on 24th February, 2023.

Commencement

5. This Order expires on 23rd February, 2024.

Duration

Dated this 16th day of February, 2023.

C. HEMLEE
Secretary to Cabinet