

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS NO 16 OF 2023

SUBJECT: IMPORTATION OF RESTRICTED ITEMS

It has come to the attention of the Comptroller of Customs and Excise Division that restricted items are being imported without the requisite Import Licences/ Permits/ Permissions. The definition of “import” as stated in the Customs Laws Chapter 78:01 means to bring or cause to be brought within Trinidad and Tobago. Section 45 of Chapter 78:01 provides the goods for which the importation is prohibited and restricted.

Importers are advised that restricted items imported without the requisite Import Licences/ Permits/ Permissions are required to be **seized** upon examination.

Importers without Firearm User’s Licences importing restricted items, under the Firearms Act, are reminded that written permission of the Commissioner of Police is required for such imports.

Importers shall be allowed until 27th August, 2023 to resolve any issues with respect to outstanding Import Licences/ Permits/ Permissions. Effective **28th August, 2023**, all restricted or prohibited goods shall be seized in accordance with the Customs Laws.

Please be guided accordingly.



Comptroller of Customs & Excise (Ag)

Custom House, Port of Spain

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