

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

**ATTENTION: ALL AGENTS AND CARGO REPORTERS**

In its continued attempts to regularize and standardize the operations at all Ports, Sufferance Wharves and Approved Places of Loading and Unloading, the Comptroller of Customs and Excise educes the following Regulation of the Container Examination Station Regulations:

*“5. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Customs Laws, the master or agent of any vessel on which there is containerized cargo to be landed at any port or place in Trinidad and Tobago shall, not later than twenty-four hours prior to the arrival of such vessel in the waters of Trinidad and Tobago, provide the Comptroller with a report of such cargo on the prescribed form, “C4”, prepared in accordance with section 72 of the Customs Act.”*

In light of the above, the Comptroller of Customs and Excise intends to implement and enforce the requirement for vessels with cargo of this nature to submit their manifest twenty-four hours in advance of arrival, notwithstanding **Regulation 5 of the Customs (Border Control System) Regulations**.


It is expected that the implementation of said CES Regulation shall improve the processing of containerized cargo at the Nation’s Ports.

Please note that in accordance with the dictates of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, this measure shall be implemented with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2021.

Should you require any further clarification, or have any concerns and may need to voice these before the implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2021, please contact Ms. Yasmin Harris by e-mail at [DCO@customs.gov.tt](mailto:DCO@customs.gov.tt).

The Comptroller of Customs and Excise remains committed to the facilitation of compliant trade.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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