

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS NO. 06 OF 2025

**SUBJECT: PROCEDURAL UPDATE IN ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 45 (1) (l)
OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, CHAPTER 78:01**

Importers are reminded that **Section 45 (1) (l) of the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01** prohibits the importation of indecent or obscene articles or matter. Section 45(l) prohibits:

(l) indecent or obscene prints, paintings, photographs, books, cards, lithographic or other engravings, gramophone records, or any other indecent or obscene articles or matter;

The recent Judgment in Claim No. CV2023-03338 provides the following categories of articles or matter which shall be deemed indecent or obscene:

- a) Articles or matter relating to the depiction of children in sexually explicit forms, or articles or matter that aid in the exploitation of children, young persons and vulnerable citizens.**
- b) Articles or matter relating to or that depict or aid in acts of sexual violence or abuse involving persons.**
- c) Articles or matter relating to or that depict or aid in acts of sexual violence or abuse involving animals or other living beings.**

Officers have been advised to follow these guidelines when enforcing the provisions of the Law pending any amendments or additional policy guidelines to Section 45 (1) (l) of the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01.

Importers are to be guided accordingly.



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