

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS NO. 14 OF 2025

**SUBJECT: NON-INTRUSIVE INSPECTION (NII) EQUIPMENT
IMPLEMENTATION**

The **Customs and Excise Division (CED)** wishes to advise all stakeholders of **enhanced border security measures** aimed at improving national safety while minimizing the cost footprint on the business sector.

As part of these on-going efforts, the following **Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) technologies** have been implemented:

1. **Mobile Container Scanners at the Port of Point Lisas and Port of Port of Spain.**
2. **Package and Pallet Scanners at Transit Sheds.**

These systems represent significant advancements in cargo screening and play a critical role in strengthening the national border security chain.

The CED will implement the following new protocols:

- **All Less-than-Container Load (LCL) cargo must be scanned** prior to being deposited or stored in any Transit Shed.
- **The Port Transfer Record (PTR) or equivalent movement document** must reflect completed scanning information before cargo is permitted to be removed from storage to the Transit Shed

Please note that the Implementation of these measures will come into effect on May 5, 2025.

These measures will enable the Division to better monitor cargo flows, prevent illegal importation, and ensure that all goods entering the country undergo appropriate security checks.

The Customs and Excise Division reaffirms its commitment to **enhancing the nation's border security**, ensuring the **safety and well-being of citizens**, and **supporting a secure, transparent, trade environment**.

Stakeholders are urged to make the necessary preparations and to cooperate fully with the implementation of these new procedures.

Transit Shed owners are invited to communicate any impediments experienced and associated recommendations in fulfilling these obligations for consideration to the Customs and Excise Management team.

Importers are to be guided accordingly.



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