

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS NO. 16 OF 2025

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

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

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

Further to the recent Judgments in the High Court¹, the following categories of articles or matter which shall be deemed indecent or obscene include:

- a) **Articles or matter relating to the depictions 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 children, young persons and vulnerable citizens.**
- c) **Articles or matter relating to or that depict or aid in acts of sexual violence or abuse involving animals or other living things.**

Importers are hereby advised to adhere to these guidelines when importing items of this nature.

Notice to Importers No. 06 of 2025 is hereby rescinded.

Importers are to be guided accordingly.



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Ms. Yasmin Harris
Comptroller of Customs & Excise
Custom House, Port of Spain
Ref. No: C&E 3/16/1/1/2
Dated: 09/06/25

¹ Claim Nos. CV2023-03338 *Shenice Katteck Trading as "Rogue Adult Toys & Lingerie" v the Comptroller of Customs and Excise* and CV2023-02827 *Ronna Zamora Rodriguez v the Comptroller of Customs and Excise*