



St Kitts - Nevis Customs & Excise Department

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MEMORANDUM

TO: IMPORTERS, CUSTOMS BROKERS AND CUSTOMS CLERKS

FROM: COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS

SUBJECT: MEASURES TO COMBAT THE GENERAL RISE IN PRICES OF IMPORTED GOODS

DATE: 10TH JULY, 2023

Further to the announcement by Prime Minister, Dr. the Honourable Terrance Drew, in an effort to combat the general rise in the price of food and general grocery items imported into the Federation, all Importers, Customs Brokers and Customs Clerks are hereby informed of the following-

The government will sustain the cap on the freight cost that is used in the calculation of duties and taxes that are paid on imported goods. The cap would be set at US\$3,300 for a 20ft dry container and US\$4,800 for a 40ft dry container. The cap for refrigerated containers would be set at US\$3,700 and US\$5,700 for 20ft and 40ft containers respectively. Please note that this measure is applicable only to full container loads (FCL) of imported food and general grocery items, imported by sea. It is not applicable to less than container load (LCL) shipments or shipments imported by air.

For example:

A company has imported a 20ft container of dry groceries. The freight on this container is US\$6000. According to the information above, the CAP for a 20ft dry container is US\$3,300. As a result, when the importer submits their declaration (entry) for this particular shipment, the freight amount is submitted in ASYCUDA should be US\$3,300.

Where the freight is less than the "cap" amount, the freight that is paid or payable should be used in the calculation of Customs Value (CIF).

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Importers will still be required to upload the correct freight bill or bill of lading to the ASYCUDA World platform.

This policy is in immediate effect.



Kennedy De Silva
Comptroller of Customs