I assent.



CUTHBERT M SEBASTIAN Governor-General 29* March 2002.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS No. 1 of 2002

AN **ACT** to impose a bottle and can deposit levy on beer, stout, malt and other drinks in non-returnable bottles and cans.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis, and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Trade (Bottles and Cans Deposit Levy) Act, 2002.

Short tille. Interpretation.

2. In this Act:

"competent authority" means the Comptroller of Customs or such other person as the Minister may designate from time to time:

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for the subject of Trade and Industry.

- 3. In addition to customs and excise duties, there shall be levied and collected on all beer, stout, malt, ale and aerated drinks bottled or canned in non-returnable bottles or cans, a deposit levy of thirty cents per bottle and thirty cents per can.
- 4. The deposit levy imposed by this Act shall be levied on the entry of the product into Saint Christopher and Nevis or at the point of production and shall be payable to, and shall be collected by, the Comptroller of Customs and payment shall be enforced under the provisions of Customs Tariff Act 1972, No. 12.
- 5. The deposit levy collected shall be refunded to the depositor on re-export of the bottles or cans or if the bottle or can disposal arrangements are made and executed by the depositor in a manner acceptable to the competent authority within six months from the time of payment of the deposit failing which the deposit shall be forfeited and shall be credited to the Consolidated Fund.

Imposition of Deposit Levy. Collection of Deposit Levy. Deposit Levy refundable.

Trade (Bottles and Cans Deposit Levy) Act, 2002 - I.

Minister may vary levy by Order..

- 6. (1) The Minister may by Order, vary the deposit levy on any. bottle or can or class of bottle or can
- $\mbox{(2) Any Order made under subsection (1) shall be laid in the National Assembly.}$

Repeals.

7. The Trade (Bottle Deposit Levy) Act 1993, No. 2 is repealed.

MARCELLA A LIBURD Deputy Speaker

Passed by the National Assembly this 14th day of March 2002.

JOSE LLOYD Clerk of the National Assembly

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