



## Technological advancement will be key in 2013 Customs Reforms



Over the last several years, Customs & Excise has sought to emerge into a modern, efficient, and progressive entity. We have improved the physical infrastructure, developed our IT capabilities, conducted extensive staff training and taken on recommendations made by our CARTAC counterparts.

Today, we are at a critical stage in our development where, with the right 'push', we can position ourselves to be rated as a first world customs department. With the reorganisation of the Department, the implementation of ASYCUDA World is an adequate aspect of our reform effort.

The St. Kitts & Nevis Customs & Excise Department has decided to introduce Asycuda World to the Federation as part of our ongoing reform effort. ASYCUDA is a comprehensive system that manages, cargo, declarations, manifests, payments, valuation databases, workflow control, risk selectivity among other things via an online portal. This system makes it possible for all trade to be transacted online thus eliminating the requirement for manual submissions and allows for online payments by brokers and importers.

As a web-based system, ASYCUDA allows clients the ability to logon not only from a personal computer, but from an Android/IOS smartphone or tablet pc. The ability for other stake holders such as Port Authority, Agriculture or Health

Departments, inter alia, to share data and integrate for smoother synergies that allow for better release times.

In the month of February, a four man team will travel to St. Lucia to conduct a site visit to learn the ways ASYCUDA has been implemented and utilised there.

ASYCUDA will improve:

**Warehousing:-** Overtime Goods, Transfer of cargo between warehouses, Marking Off & Squaring, Record of examination, Bonded Warehouse, Reporting

**Concessions Management:-** Structure used in ASYCUDA, determine how exemptions will be calculated and tracked, and reported.

**Valuation Database:-** How it is managed (input and editing), Frequency of update, Database querying.

**Fiscal Accounting and Revenue:-** Payment options, Billable services, Bonds, Accounts Collectable, Revenue and Statistics Reports.

**Manifest Management:-** Input and amending of Bill of Ladings, Vessel information, Tracking of Containers, Cargo Reporting

**Declaration:-** Work flow (submission to closing of file), Processing options (Simple Declaration vs Formal Declaration), Pre-release, Declaration reporting, Risk Management, Management of Risk Profiles, Selectivity management, Quality Compliance management, Flags and alerts.

**Query:-** Query Database management, Query handling and response by consignee/importer/Declarant, Integration with risk management modules.

**Agencies integration and management:-** Broker & Shipping Agent Module, Authorisation, Licensing (Agriculture, Import Permits), Manifest information submission, and

**Post Clearance Audit:-** Work Flow (opening to closing of investigation).

ASYCUDA is to be introduced in its first phase by June 2013.



## Pen of the Comptroller



*Mr. Rodney Harris  
Comptroller of Customs*

The third issue of LANCE comes right at the opening of the New Year 2013, and so I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Customs Officers a very happy bright and healthy New Year. I also wish all our customers and readers and well wishers a bright and prosperous New Year. We look forward to your continuous support in and throughout 2013 and beyond.

The past year, 2012, proved to be a very challenging one. Like other financial houses, the Customs experienced its

share of fiscal concerns owing to the world wide economic recession. However, we made it through successfully through 2012 and we have innovatively ensured that our customers were served well in all respects of the customs procedures.

It is my fervent hope that in this new year, all will be reinvigorated to perform their duties with greater enthusiasm and with a renewed sense of professionalism and deeper commitment to serving all people.

We need to stay focused and be assured that the economic situation which we faced in 2012 has not disappeared and as such, we must each do our share of the work with which we have been tasked, so that the department's usual recognisable contribution to the economic upkeep of the Federation continues.

This year, we will continue our thrust in developing our physical infrastructure, ensuring a conducive working environment. Additionally, we will promote training opportunities for our officers and make it easier for our customer to do business. Thus one of our physical projects that will soon

be complete is the refurbishment of the H. S. Hanley Training Room. This facility is presently being relocated and improved to adequately take care of training needs of the Department.

We will also vigorously pursue our plans to upgrade the Enforcement Unit. Our plans for the development of a structure to relocate this unit will increase functionality of the officers of this unit to better serve as border security agents.

Other plans include continued reforms in auditing, legislation and risk assessment, each of which plays a vital role in the department's growth and commitment to trade facilitation.

Again, permit me to encourage all to be focused and to continue to perform your role as law enforcement officers as we fight against the illegal importation of drugs and guns. Be aware of those who pretend to be your friends but have intentions to commit offences and make you an accomplice.

I wish all of you (both officers and agents) well in 2013

## Your Customs. Your training.



Once again, the Training Division is delighted to announce that we have completed yet another year of strong achievements in the improvement of the competencies of our officers in a broad range of disciplines.

By the close of January 2013, the Division will publish a comprehensive report on the training activities for the

calendar year 2012.

A brief recapitulation of the final quarter of last year shows that emphasis was placed on having our officers trained in Evidence Collection. Three officers attended this course in October which was sponsored by the United States Department of State.

In November, four officers participated in an International Passenger Interdiction Course which was organised by the Ministry of International Transport.

In early December, three officers travelled to Jamaica and undertook studies at the Regional Drug Enforcement Centre (REDTRAC) in the area of Intelligence Gathering and Analysis.

In 2013, we will continue to identify the areas of training needed and seek to commit the requisite resources to continue to improve the competencies of our officers.

On January 28, about 25 Officers will begin the eight week CCLEC Junior Officer Basic Training Programme.

Officers of the newly created Information Technology and Statistics Division will travel to St. Lucia for a field study of ASYCUDA World Programme which is to be fully implemented here in the Federation later this year.

Additionally, the Training Division invites training ideas and interests from officers and the community. Ideas can be emailed to us at [training@skncustoms.com](mailto:training@skncustoms.com).

## Barbados PM: US-CARICOM Rum Issue "May Have to Reach the WTO"

Courtesy: Caribbean Journal  
December 17, 2012

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Barbados is actively working at the CARICOM and international levels to ensure that the country does not face unfair competition with its rum exports, according to Prime Minister Freundel Stuart.

Caribbean rum producers have been increasingly dismayed over what they see as unfair advantages given to producers in the US territories of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

Earlier, CARICOM's COTED council said it had "serious concerns" about what it considered a "threat" to Caribbean rum in the US. "The rum industry is too important to Barbados," said Stuart, who was speaking on a visit to the Foursquare Rum Distillery.

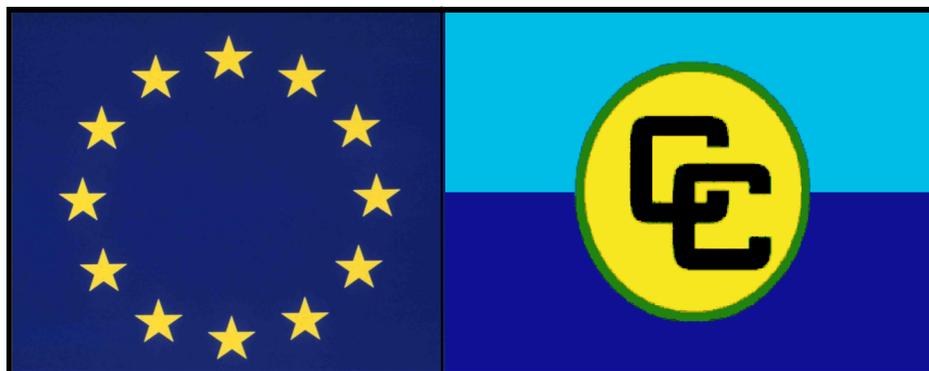
"Yes, it is a CARICOM issue, but I don't think any CARICOM country has any reason to be as concerned about this as Barbados. Rum is assuming an importance for Barbados that we cannot afford to ignore. So this is a front-burner issue and we are following it very closely."

Stuart said he had recently held "lengthy" discussions with the US Assistant Secretary of State on the matter, also holding talks with Barbados' Ambassador to the United States, John Beale, and Barbados' Ambassador to CARICOM Robert Morris.

"We anticipate that if there is not a reversal or some kind of accommodation, that it may have to reach the WTO," he said. "But we are waiting for the outcome of a Geneva meeting."

## EU official says EPA will not swamp the Caribbean

December 27, 2012



KINGSTON, Jamaica — A senior European Union official says the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) signed with the Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) countries in 2008, should not be described as a "Trojan Horse" that would swamp the region.

Head of the European Union Delegation to Jamaica, Belize, the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Cayman Islands, Ambassador Paola Amadei, said there were many misconceptions about the accord that would allow for the establishment of a free trade area (FTA) between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP).

She said most of the misconceptions include the belief that the EPA will result in significant loss of revenue in what is deemed

an "already difficult context" and that the facility would be an "instrument of inequitable struggle" between the EPA countries.

"To this I...reply that the EPA is a call for a new dynamic approach towards globalisation and that...can contribute to setting the Caribbean economies on the right track to seize opportunities created by globalisation.

"The EPA, and globalisation itself, imposes (on) Jamaica and...the Caribbean region, structural reforms linked to good governance, regional integration, and (a) business environment...reforms that are needed, with or without the EPA," she said.

CARIFORUM includes the 15-member Caribbean Community (CARICOM) grouping and the Dominican Republic

and the EU official said that the EPA is "directly oriented towards increasing investments in the region, to the full benefit of enterprises, employment, and, thus, national wealth".

Ambassador Amadei contended that, against this background, there is no need for Jamaica to remain in the lower tier of the doing business and competitiveness rankings, noting that the creation of an environment conducive to the development of trade and investment, is a catalyst for leveraging growth in the country.

"Conducting reforms to improve the business environment, the management of public finances and deepening regional integration are objectives within reach. This is the main contribution of the EPA. (The) EPA's rationale is to help create a turning point where trade spurts growth and development," she said.

Since the establishment of the EPA in 2008, it has served as the basis of the trading relationship between the EU and that body.

"All in all, the EPA is a driver for change and much needed reforms. It aims at, ultimately, ensuring a stable, predictable and transparent business environment, thereby helping CARIFORUM attract foreign investments and integrate at the regional level and with the global economy."

## Inspire to Lead and Lead to Inspire

By: *Melissa Vokoun*

Inspiration comes at both ends of the leadership equation. Leaders are called to guide and lead from many different directions but there is always an element of emotion and inspiration. The call to act as a motivator, guide, teacher, and mentor is usually the first step in a process whereby an individual begins a journey to lead.

Many leaders describe this as an inner need to share their vision and influence it's emergence into the world. While it may be a product or an idea or a service, this vision is deeply held and difficult to contain. The decision to lead is a natural progression once the individual finds the confidence and commitment to step up and accept responsibility for the direction of others.

Feeling the inspiration that tells someone, "I can be a leader, I can motivate and direct others to fulfill my vision," is a step that most people do not take lightly. There is a degree of security and safety in being a follower, even in being a very involved follower. But leaders are inspired to take risks and put themselves on the line every day.

Our great social and political leaders have all had to make tremendous sacrifices in order to lead and many people question why they are so motivated to lead when the costs can be so great. The answer is simple; the inspiration to lead was irresistible. When you feel your message so strongly that the costs and consequences pale in comparison, you are destined to lead. The business owner invests both emotional and material interests to bring their message to light. They too are moved by an irresistible impulse to lead.

At every staff meeting, every sales consultation, at every conference a leader is called upon to influence those around them. Being the boss isn't always an enviable position and the stress associated with being the boss is not for the faint of heart. But a true leader finds conflict challenging, dissent motivating, and

loyalty truly precious. And the reward they seek is seeing their message become reality through decision and action. This is where the second part of the equation comes into the formula, leading to inspire.

Being a follower may have a negative connotation but followers are not mindless sheep. They have strong opinions and viewpoints and are very discerning. They can tell an authentic leader from a figurehead a mile away. The mark of the truly authentic leader is the feeling and excitement that they inspire in their followers.

The ability to inspire others, to bring them to join in their journey, and help them realize their potential is the hallmark of authentic leadership. Genuine leadership has a tangible quality where excitement can be felt and the risk taking leader motivates others to share in their risks. Indeed, inspiration has a reciprocal quality. A leader is inspired to lead, a follower is inspired by a leader, and the inspiration becomes mutual.

An employee can become a contributor and partner when the quality of a leader's message comes through in a persuasive and moving manner. Haven't we all had moments when we are listening and the moment of understanding and enthusiasm overtakes us and we become a partner in the message? It is a moment of excitement and comprehension that has the unique ability to turn followers into partners and then into a "co-leader."

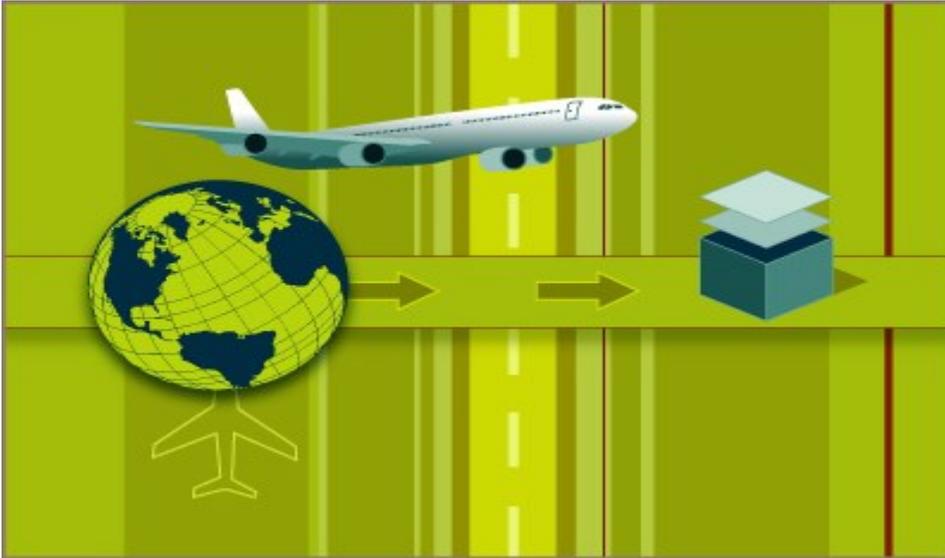
When leadership becomes collaborative the leadership/inspiration equation is complete. The message becomes self-renewing and the energy it produces fuels its mission. Those inspired to lead have inspired others and the magic of emotive reasoning becomes reality. It is indeed the foundation of any group process and what can translate in success for any organization.

Here are a few quotes that we can each consider to guide our thoughts to that true leadership which inspires ourselves and others to greatness.

- "Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime."  
– *W.E.B. Du Bois*
- "I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas; I'm frightened of the old ones."  
– *John Cage*
- "I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do."  
– *Leonardo da Vinci*
- "Leadership is about empathy. It is about having the ability to relate and to connect with people for the purpose of inspiring and empowering their lives."  
– *Oprah Winfrey*
- "You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget this errand."  
– *Woodrow Wilson*
- "Thus, the task is not so much to see what no one else has seen, but to think what nobody yet has thought about that which everybody sees."  
– *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- "Talk does not cook rice."  
– *Chinese proverb*

## Trade News

### Expedited customs clearance limits increased Should speed deliveries for approved carriers



Courtesy: Caribbean Journal  
January 11, 2013

PLATTSBURGH — U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Canada Border Services Agency has increased the maximum values of goods eligible for expedited customs clearance.

Under the new rules, goods valued at up to \$2,500 in both currencies are eligible for an expedited border-clearance program in both the United States and Canada.

Previously, this limit was set at \$1,600 Canadian for goods entering Canada and \$2,000 for products entering the United States.

#### FASTER CLEARANCE

The limit is for carriers, such as United Parcel Service, that are authorized to use the low-value-shipment processing system, which includes pre-notification of what goods will arrive. They can be released on the day of arrival rather than be subjected to a more lengthy customs clearance.

In addition, Canada increased its low-value-shipment threshold to \$2,500 Canadian for exemption from North American Free Trade Agreement Certificate of Origin requirements, bringing it in line with U.S. levels.

Both of these actions serve to simplify customs clearance procedures by harmonizing U.S. and Canadian policies.

#### 'INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT'

"With 13 border crossings in the district, this is incredibly important to New York," Congressman Bill Owens (D-Plattsburgh) said in a press release. "It means increased commerce between the United States and Canada and greater opportunity for communities along the border to grow and create jobs."

North Country Chamber of Commerce President Garry Douglas thanked Owens for his support of the measure.

"We have been advocating for this in collaboration with our partners all along both sides of the border," he said by email. "Every such advancement for common sense and fluidity at our shared border is good for the North Country and for our Quebec-New York Corridor."

#### DUTY-FREE ALLOWANCES

The announcement comes following last year's Canadian effort to increase duty-free purchase allowances for Canadians shopping in the United States.

Beginning June 1, 2012, Canadian shoppers were able to return from New York with \$200 in goods per person duty free (up from \$50) in a 24-hour period. For a 48-hour visit, Canadian shoppers can take \$800 per person in goods home with them, up from \$400.

In the 112th Congress, Owens was co-chairman of the House Northern Border Caucus. He will reorganize the caucus and serve as co-chair in the 113th Congress.

"This effort builds on the 'Beyond the Border' agreement, which is already working to expedite border crossings and increase the flow of goods. I applaud the good work that is being done at the northern border and look forward to building on this activity in the future."

# CUSTOMS WEEK 2013 - "Innovation for

## *Nevis*

- Sunday 20 - Church Service  
*10:00 a.m. at Charlestown Methodist Church  
Luncheon at Nisbett's Plantation Hotel*
- Monday 21 - Visit to Schools
- Thursday 24 - Community Outreach  
*Serving Lunch at the Flamboyant Home*
- Thursday 24 - Panel Discussion  
*Airing on Nevis Television*
- Friday 25 - T-Shirt Day and Officer Exchange  
*Selected Officers work on St. Kitts for the day.*
- Saturday 26 - Fun Day and Beach Affair  
*Cockleshell Beach , St. Kitts*



# Customs Progress" January 20 - 26, 2013

## *St. Kitts*

- Sunday 20 - Church Service  
*Co-Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception, 8:30 a.m.  
Luncheon at Spice Mill Restaurant, Cockleshell Beach*
- Monday 21 - Visit to Schools
- Wednesday 23 - Panel Discussion  
*(LIVE) ZIZ Television 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.*
- Thursday 24 - Career Fair  
*Cayon High School*
- Friday 25 - T-Shirt Day and Officer Exchange  
*Selected Officers work on Nevis for the day.  
Serving Lunch at the Cardin Home*
- Saturday 26 - Fun Day and Beach Affair



## Sargeant and Greenaway successful at RSS Training



Two Customs Officers have successfully completed the RSS (Regional Security System) Staff and Command Course and are competently trained in the management of constabulary and paramilitary organisations.

Assistant Comptrollers Tavo Sargeant and Deslie Greenaway completed the course in two phases along with police and defence force officers from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The two senior Customs Officers were joined by Woman Police Inspector, Mrs. Merclyn Hughes, as representatives the federation in this training course.

The Staff and Command Course was completed in two phases. First, the candidates undertook key modules through an online distance learning phase, from July to September 2012. This was followed by an in-residence phase in November, on the island of St. Lucia.

During the course the participants were exposed to several topics which included leadership and command subjects related to their field of work. The topics included research fundamentals, introduction to criminal justice, introduction to service writing, humanitarian and human rights

law, principles of communication, performance appraisals, leadership, the nature of command, introduction to mass casualty management and incident command.

The coursework included written and oral assignments, research papers, written examinations, debates and impromptu presentations.

The participants described the course as very demanding. They recounted the many sleepless nights and how all personal time was consumed completing assignments.

However, they found the course equally rewarding and informative as it was engaging.

The work of each of the local candidates was rated as exceptional by the course facilitators. In the end, the RSS Staff and Command Course has equipped each officer to provide a better quality of service to their respective organisation and country.

The 2012 RSS Staff and Command Course facilitated 21 participants from all 7 member states of the RSS drawn from different law enforcement agencies including Customs, Police, Immigration, Defense Force, Fire and Rescue and Prisons.

### Celebrate Customs Week 2013

*"Innovation for Customs Progress"*



*Church Service*



*Visits to Schools*



*Panel Discussion*



*Community Outreach*



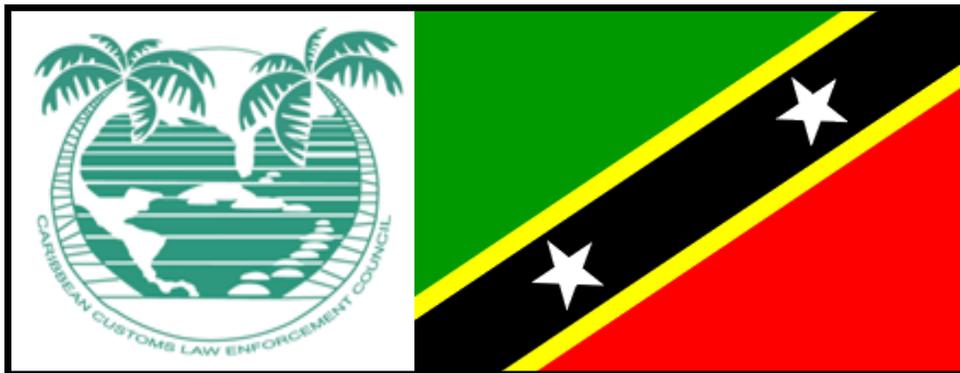
*Officers Exchange*



*Family Fun Day*

**St. Kitts and Nevis**

## History of CCLEC Junior Officer Training in St. Kitts-Nevis



continued reflection of the best practices in Customs administration.

In recent years, St. Kitts and Nevis has opened its training assistance to our OECS neighbours, Montserrat and Anguilla whose officers have benefitted from the cooperative and cordial arrangements. This year will be no different. Through this publication, we welcome our colleagues to the CCLEC Junior Officer Basic Training Course 2013.

On Monday, January 28, 2012, the Department will undertake the 9<sup>th</sup> Junior Officer Basic Training Course, certified by the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC).

In 1993, the first CCLEC Basic Training Course was held in Dominica with an aim of training more of the junior officers. In the preceding years, officers were trained in St. Lucia, Trinidad and other neighbouring islands and as a result of financial and other limitations very few officers received this training.

The programme originally started off as a three weeks training module in five areas of competency which ensured that all course graduates were able to better serve in the department. The modules were designed with the financial and technical assistance of the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council and Revenue Canada College.

The maiden class of 1997 on island was made up of more than 15 Junior Officers. Since this time, there have been CCLEC Junior Officer Basic Training Courses in 1999, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012.

The net result of the training program continues to be found in the competencies of the course participants and the department as a whole. Participants continue to achieve the identified training objectives and thus are prepared to perform their job tasks; it is also efficient in that the participants received only the training

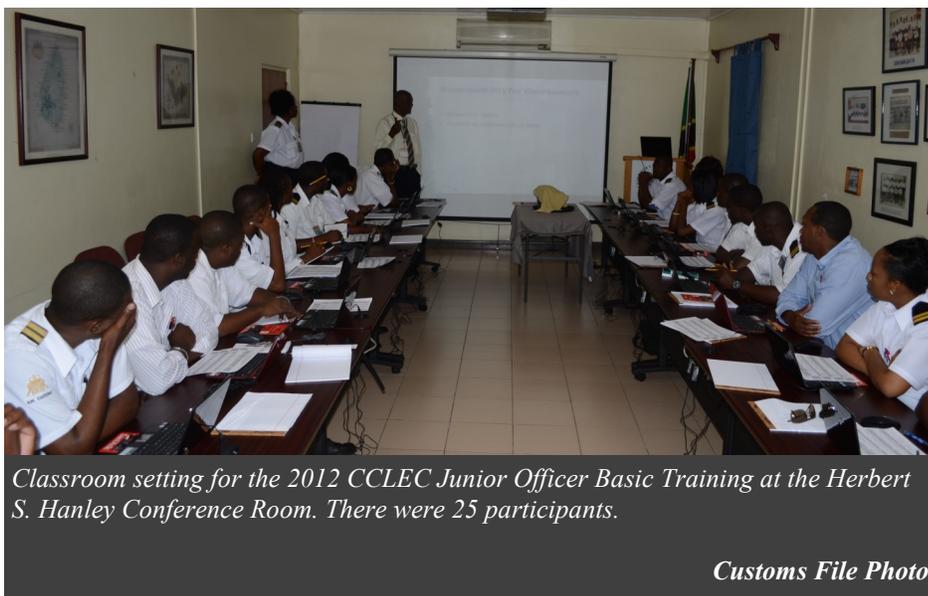
required and thus used the least time possible to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills.

The course material was designed by UK, Canadian and Caribbean Customs experts with the express aim of shaping the knowledge and skills of Customs officers within the broader scope of reducing barriers to the free movement of people and their goods across borders.

The Training Sub-Group for the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC) also recognised the need for a formalised training program for Junior Customs Officers in the Caribbean. With this in mind, CCLEC periodically updates the course material that the information is a

The 2013 Junior Officer Basic Training Course will cover more than 22 modules over an 8 week period. These include Customs Legislation, Prohibited & Restricted Goods, Initial Process, Situation Diffusion, Cargo Report & Processing, Warehousing, Tariff Classification, Invoicing, Valuation, Tariff and preferential treatment, Cargo and Travellers Risk Assessment, Vessel & Aircraft Search, Drug Identification, Firearms, Passenger & Baggage Search and Arrest, Detention and Seizure.

The Comptroller and Management of the St. Kitts Customs Department wish all course participants every success in this the 9<sup>th</sup> CCLEC Junior Officer Basic Training Course.



*Classroom setting for the 2012 CCLEC Junior Officer Basic Training at the Herbert S. Hanley Conference Room. There were 25 participants.*

*Customs File Photo*

## Offences and Penalties under the Law (Part I)

In this issue of LANCE we will look at Part X of the Customs (Control and Management) Act – Offences.

There are a number of actions that are prohibited under the law. It is helpful that Customs Officers have a clear understanding of what constitute offences under the enabling legislation.

**Section 104** makes it an offence to falsely assume the name, designation or character of the Comptroller or of a customs officer so that he or she may gain access to a vessel, aircraft, building or that he or she may be able to undertake an action that he or she would not have been otherwise authorised to undertake.

The section considers this an arrestable offence. An offender under this section is liable to a fine of ten thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for two years or both.

**Section 105** identifies the act of taking payment or any reward, promise or security which the Comptroller or an officer is not entitled to receive as an offence. The section goes forward to identify the entering of the Comptroller or officers into agreements to commit, omit or connive acts whereby the government can be or is defrauded or is by law considered unlawful.

The act also considers that the person who enters in such an act of collusion or bribery to have committed an offence and all persons who have committed an

offence under this section are liable to a fine of ten thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for two years or both.

**Section 106** seeks to protect customs officers. It makes an offence of obstructing, hindering or molesting any officer in the performance of his or her duties, or of impeding an officer while carrying out a search, or of rescuing, damaging or destroying goods liable for forfeiture, or of preventing the arrest of any person under the Customs Act, or of aiding and abetting any person committing such an offence.

The section also makes an offence the act of maiming or wounding an officer in the performance of his or her duties and of any person who uses abusive, offensive and threatening language to any officer while he or she is performing his or her duties.

Each offence under this section of the act carries varying penalties of fines ranging from five to ten thousand dollars, or to terms of imprisonment from two to ten years or both fines and imprisonment.

**Section 107** makes the act of departing a vessel or aircraft from the Federation carrying an officer without his or her consent an offence. It imposes a fine of ten thousand dollars and subsection (2) gives power to the Comptroller to recover all costs incurred to recover the officer to the Federation.

**Section 108** considers the act of interfering with a vessel or aircraft and all appendages used by a customs officer in the discharge of his or her duties as an offence which is liable to a fine of ten thousand dollars, or

to imprisonment for two years or both.

The section further prescribes penalties of arrest and imprisonment for ten years for anyone who fires upon a vehicle, vessel or aircraft being used by a customs officer in the discharge of his duties.

**Section 109** addresses prohibited signals and messages to and from smugglers of goods to and from vessels and aircrafts. The act gives customs and police officers the right to board any vessel or vehicle or enter any building from which or to which such prohibited signal or message is being conveyed and to take steps as are reasonably necessary to stop or prevent the sending of that signal or message.

**Section 110** makes it an offence for any person onboard a vessel arriving in the federation to communicate in any way to another arriving vessel before the vessel of first instance is cleared by a Customs Officer. This offence carries a fine of five thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for two years or both.

Next quarter we will continue our exploration this Part of the act looking at the offences of offering smuggled goods on sale, untrue declarations, counterfeiting documents, false scales, fraudulent evasion and removing locks, seals and marks.

Until then, continue to be guided by the power that knowing your law gives.

## Arrests as cigarettes and watches seized in Bridgend, UK

**Courtesy: BBC  
January 10, 2013**

**UK Customs officers have seized 500,000 allegedly smuggled cigarettes and hundreds of counterfeit watches in Bridgend, England.**

Customs duty alone on the cigarettes would have been £100,000, said HM

Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

The haul was discovered on Tuesday at a storage facility near the town centre, and £6,000 in cash was seized from a vehicle.

Two men have been arrested and released on bail as the investigation continues.

They were a 50-year-old man from Pencoed near Bridgend and a 57-year-old man from Birmingham.

HMRC said Sila and Raquel brand cigarettes were confiscated which cannot be sold legally in the UK.

Local UK trading standards officials are dealing with the counterfeit Ice watches.

# Humour - All in a day's work

## See You Tomorrow!



A couple decided to go to Caribbean for their annual winter retreat, but because they both worked it was hard to coordinate their diaries.

So they decided the husband would go a day early, and his wife would join him the following day.

On arriving, the husband thought he would send an email to his wife from his laptop, but he accidentally mistyped her email address and sent it

off without realising.

Just then a widow had just returned from her husband's funeral. He was a minister of the gospel for many years who had been 'called home to glory' following a heart attack.

The widow checked her e-mail, expecting messages from relatives and friends, but instead found this:

To: My Loving Wife



From: Your Departed Husband  
Subject: I've Arrived!

I've just arrived and have checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

Looking forward to seeing you then!  
Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

(P.S. Sure is hot down here!)

## FIND THE CUSTOMS TERMS

- BILL OF SIGHT
- BOARDING
- CITATION
- CLASSIFICATION
- COMPTROLLER
- DECLARATION
- DEPOSIT
- ENFORCEMENT
- ENTRY
- EVALUATION
- FINES
- FORFEITURE
- FREE ON BOARD
- FREIGHT
- HARMONISED
- INTERPRETATION
- LEVY
- NOMENCLATURE
- PROHIBITED
- RACKING
- RELEASE
- RULES
- SEIZURE
- SQUARING
- TARRIFF
- TERRITORIAL
- TRANSFER
- TRANSIT
- WAREHOUSE

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## Sports Club Corner - History of Regional Customs Tournament

The idea of a regional Customs Sports Tournament was first conceived in 1975 by Mr. Neville Monseque, the first Head of the Regional Training School of Trinidad and Mr. Errol Douglas, a former Comptroller of Customs in Barbados. The idea came to fruition when during the Easter weekend of that year when a group of Barbadian Customs Officers travelled to Trinidad and Tobago to engage their Trinidad counterpart in cricket.

The competing countries are Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Lucia, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago and Turks & Caicos.

The initial tour has now developed into a tournament catering to over four hundred and fifty players and

and spectators. Initially only cricket were played, however, competitors now test their skills over a wider range of games which include cricket, football, netball, basketball, table-tennis, dominoes, women's softball.

The objectives of the Tournament have been (i) to enhance co-operation and partnerships between the various Caribbean Customs Administrations. (ii) establish and maintain a vibrant spirit of mutual support and respect through interaction and understanding and (iii) generally improve working relations between and among Caribbean countries.

But these tournaments have not been about sports alone. They provide ample opportunities for social interaction and camaraderie during non-sporting activities such as cultural evenings and other arrangements for meeting and making

contact with host country natives.

The competition itself has always been marked by friendly rivalry, congeniality and respect among teams. The tournaments are also noted for the formation of some lasting and valuable friendships.

The Caribbean Customs Sports Tournament will be held this year in St. Lucia during March 28 to April 1.

See you there.



# Happy Birthday

### January

- 1 - Kimoy Henry
- 2 - Damian Walters
- 2 - Karim Herbert
- 4 - Cassandra Blake
- 7 - Collene Morris
- 10 - Larry Vaughan
- 14 - Jarid Sutton
- 22 - Corey Rodney
- 22 - Kiwannie Joseph
- 25 - Shiwani Gumbs
- 25 - Le Shanda Rochester
- 29 - Anthea Hazel

### February

- 1 - Kenyata Warner
- 5 - Danika Simpson
- 8 - Trevor Henville
- 18 - Jervin Nisbett
- 21 - Karim Maynard
- 25 - Junicia Ryan

### March

- 2 - Roger Fyfield
- 5 - Kishma Griffin
- 8 - Keston Warner
- 12 - Kersha Martin
- 14 - Kenya Henry
- 15 - Zeliah Wilson
- 26 - Akeem Greene
- 30 - Osmond Williams