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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 9 of 1963

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Defence Act, 1962.

[Assented to 26th March, 1963]

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by ^{Enactment} and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Defence (Amendment) ^{Short title} Act, 1963.

The Defence
Act, 1962
(No. 7 of 1962)
amended

2. The Defence Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 5 thereof the following section numbered "5A":

"Powers of
officers,
Petty
Officers
and men
of the
Coast
Guard

5A. (1) It shall be lawful for an Officer, Petty Officer or man in command of any unit of the Coast Guard, in any case where he has reasonable cause to suspect that any vessel is engaged in any unlawful operation whatever within the territorial waters of Trinidad and Tobago, to stop and board and to search with any assistance, any and every part of such vessel and if he deems it necessary to direct such vessel to proceed to such place as he may specify.

(2) In exercise of the power conferred by subsection (1) it shall be lawful for such Officer or Petty Officer or man

- (a) to pursue and detain with any assistance any person whom he has reason to believe is engaged in or assisting in the carrying on of any unlawful operation as aforesaid;
- (b) to use such force as may be necessary to compel a vessel to comply with any directions he may give as to such vessel's movements".

Passed in the House of Representatives this 15th day of February, 1963.

G. R. LATOUR
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Passed in the Senate this 12th day of March, 1963.

J. P. OTTLEY
Clerk of the Senate