

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 44

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

CUSTOMS ORDINANCE, CH. 32. No. 2

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 254 OF THE  
CUSTOMS ORDINANCE

THE CUSTOMS (FEES) REGULATIONS, 1957

Short title and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Customs (Fees) Regulations, 1957, and shall come into operation on the 21st day of February, 1957.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations—

“assisted industrial establishment” means—

- (a) any pioneer factory within the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Aid to Pioneer Industries Ordinance; or
- (b) any cement factory erected under the Cement Industry (Development) Ordinance; or
- (c) any hotel in respect of which there is in force a licence granted under section 3 of the Hotels (Development Encouragement) Ordinance; or
- (d) any establishment in relation to which a licence has been issued or deemed to have been issued under section 49A or 49B of the Customs Ordinance;

“bonded area” and “bonded factory” have the meanings respectively assigned to them under regulation 217A of the Customs Regulations;

“outport” means a port other than the port of Port-of-Spain;

“parcel post office” means any place directed by the Comptroller for the production of postal packets under regulation 70 of the Post Office Regulations.

Hours of attendance.

3. The normal hours of duty of Officers shall be as follows:—

(a) Indoor Staff—

Ordinary Week-days ... 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Provided that a recess for lunch may be taken between noon and 1.00 p.m.

Saturdays ... 8.30 a.m. to noon.

(b) Outdoor Staff—

(i) Officers employed on a wharf or in a transit shed (other than for the storage of air cargo)—

Ordinary Week-days 7.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Provided that a recess for lunch may be taken between 11.00 a.m. and noon.

Saturdays ... 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

(ii) Officers employed in a Queen’s Warehouse, private warehouse, bonded area, bonded factory, assisted industrial establishment, parcel post office or transit shed for the storage of air cargo—

Ordinary Week-days 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Provided that a recess for lunch may be taken between noon and 1.00 p.m.

Saturdays ... 8.00 a.m. to noon.

4. There shall be paid to the Comptroller for duties performed by Officers Overtime fees.  
 outside or in excess of the hours set out in these Regulations the following  
 rates of overtime fees—

(a) On ordinary Week-days and on Saturdays—

Second Class, First Class } \$2.30 per hour or part thereof.  
 and Senior Clerks, Prin-  
 cipal Officers, Supervisors }

Guards and Guards- } \$1.08 for each hour or part thereof.  
 Mechanic }

On Sundays and Public Holidays—

Second Class, First Class } \$2.30 for each hour or part thereof  
 and Senior Clerks, Prin- } for the first eight hours and \$3.10  
 cipal Officers, Supervisors } per hour or part thereof thereafter.

Guards and Guards- } \$1.08 for each hour or part thereof  
 Mechanic } for the first eight hours and \$1.44  
 per hour or part thereof thereafter:

Provided that on Sundays and on Public Holidays and on Saturdays after 1.00 p.m. and on other days between 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. one hour in excess of the actual time occupied in performing the service required (subject to a minimum of two hours in all) shall be charged in respect of each Officer employed so as to cover the time spent in travelling to and from the place of employment:

Provided further that where arrangements have been made for summoning an Officer and no demand is ultimately made for his services a fee equivalent to two hours' overtime shall be paid.

(b) For the clearance of a vessel other than a coasting vessel \$4.60 for each clearance:

Provided that where two or more applications are made at the same time by the same person the rate shall be \$2.30 for each additional clearance.

(c) For the entering or clearing of a coasting vessel—\$1.15 for each clearance.

(d) For the granting of an application to load ships' stores of any kind excluding bunkers—\$4.60.

(e) For the granting of a supplementary application extending the duration of a service or requiring the employment of additional Officers—\$4.60.

5. The application for the services of an Officer outside the hours of duty specified in regulation 3 of these Regulations shall be made in writing to the Comptroller in Port-of-Spain or to the Customs Officer in Charge at the relevant outpost not later than two hours before the services are required, and the applicant shall give a guarantee for the payment of the fees chargeable.

Application for overtime services.

Application for special services.

Service of Plant Protection Officer.

Charges of special services outside a customs area.

Charges for services at places at which Customs Officers are not permanently stationed.

Transportation and subsistence allowances of Customs Officers on special duties.

6. Application for the services of an Officer to attend at any place during normal official hours shall be made at least twenty-four hours in advance except in exceptional circumstances when an Officer if available will be deputed to perform the required service at shorter notice.

7. No application made in accordance with regulation 5 of these Regulations shall be deemed to be an application to unload or land any plant within the meaning assigned to it under the Plant Protection Ordinance, unless the application specifically mentions the fact and contains an undertaking to pay the overtime fees payable in respect thereof under these Regulations.

8. Where the services of Officers are required at a place outside a customs area within normal official hours, the Comptroller when granting the application may require the person requiring this concession to pay to him to be credited to general revenue a fee at the rate of \$0.75 per hour or part thereof for each Officer other than a Guard and \$0.40 per hour or part thereof for each Guard engaged upon such services with a minimum charge for two hours in each case.

9. Where operations which require the daily or monthly supervision of or any other act by any Officer are being carried on at any place at which no such Officer is permanently stationed, the person on whose behalf any such services are required shall pay to the Comptroller to be credited to general revenue—

- (a) in respect of daily supervision the sum of \$4.00 for each day in respect of each Officer so employed; and
- (b) in respect of monthly supervision a sum equal to the monthly salary actually received by each Officer so employed:

Provided that where more than one Officer is employed the maximum amount payable to the senior of such Officers shall be \$160 and in respect of each other Officer \$120 per month respectively:

Provided further that where only one Officer is employed the maximum amount payable shall be \$120 per month.

The aforesaid payments shall in each case be in respect of normal official hours of duty and services rendered outside of official hours shall be paid for according to overtime rates.

10. Where the services of an Officer are required at a place other than the proper place at which such services should be performed or at a place where no such Officer is permanently stationed (but not including the customs aerodrome at Piarco Airport) suitable transportation to and from such place as may be required by the Comptroller shall be provided by or at the expense of the person requiring such services:

Provided that in cases where the services of any Officer are required in accordance with regulation 8 or 9 of these Regulations at places situated at a distance of more than one mile from a Customs House, the person requiring such services shall also pay any reasonable charge claimed by the Comptroller in respect of subsistence allowances of any such Officer.

11. Regulations 185A to 200 inclusive of the Customs Regulations are hereby revoked.

Made by the Governor in Council this 19th day of February, 1957.

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Clerk, Executive Council