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COMMUNITY AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)  
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ACT**

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**Note on Subsidiary Legislation**

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

**Note on Omissions**

The Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States (the Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and its Protocols and Annexes.

*See Gazette* No. 200 of 2020 dated 26th November 2020 and note on commencement.

**Note on Consequential Amendments**

Section 6 of this Act amends the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01. These amendments have been duly incorporated into the respective Act.

**Note on Commencement**

This Act and Articles 1 to 20, 20 bis to 30, 32 to 43, 43A to 66, 69 to 71, 73 to 80, 84 to 145, 147, 149, 151 to 164, 183 to 196, 202 to 237, 239 to 248, Annex I, Annex II, Annex IV, Annex IV A, Annex IV B, Annex IV C, Annex IV D, Annex V, Annex VII, Annex VIII, Protocol I, Annex I to Protocol I, Annex II to Protocol I, Annex III to Protocol I, Annex IV to Protocol I, Annex V A to Protocol I, Annex V B to Protocol I, Annex VI to Protocol I, Annex VII to Protocol I, Annex VIII to Protocol I, Annex IX to Protocol I, Annex X to Protocol I, Annex XI to Protocol I, Annex XII to Protocol I, Annex XIII to Protocol I, Protocol II and Protocol III of the CARIFORUM States (the Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Economic Partnership Agreement took effect on 31st March 2021 by LN 93/2021.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

**SECTION**

1. Short title.
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**An Act to give effect to the Economic Partnership Agreement  
between CARIFORUM States (the Caribbean  
Community and the Dominican Republic) and the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern  
Ireland; to effect consequential amendments to the  
Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 and for related matters.**

*\*[ASSENTED TO 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021]*

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) being Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, The Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, The Republic of Guyana, The Republic of Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, The Republic of Suriname and The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago together with The Dominican Republic collectively being CARIFORUM and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the United Kingdom) have entered into an Economic Partnership Agreement (the Agreement) signed by Trinidad and Tobago on April 1, 2019:

And whereas the purposes of the Agreement are to strengthen the framework for economic and trade relations between CARIFORUM and the United Kingdom, to enhance the economic relationship and in particular, trade and investment flows, building on and improving the current level of preferential

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*\*See Note on Commencement on page 2.*

market access into the United Kingdom for the CARIFORUM States; and to create a new and more favourable climate for relations in the areas of trade and investments and new dynamic opportunities for growth and development:

And whereas Trinidad and Tobago in its own right and as one of the States forming the grouping referred to as CARIFORUM, is obligated to give effect to the Agreement:

And whereas it is necessary in order to give effect to the Agreement, to enact national legislation:

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows: Enactment.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the CARIFORUM States Short title.  
(the Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Economic Partnership Agreement Act.

**\*2.** This Act and the Agreement took effect on 31st March 2021. Commencement.

**3.** In this Act— Interpretation.  
“Agreement” means the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States (the Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, signed by Trinidad and Tobago on 1st April 2019 and its Protocols and Annexes, as published in the *Gazette* No. 200 of 2020 dated 26th November 2020 and as amended in accordance with section 4; and

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for trade is assigned and “Ministry” shall be construed accordingly.

**4.** (1) Subject to section 2, the provisions of the Agreement to have the force of law.  
Agreement shall have the force of law.

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(2) Where an amendment to the Agreement is accepted by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Minister may, by Order, give effect to the amendment.

(3) An Order referred to in subsection (2) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.

(4) An Order made under this section may contain such consequential, supplemental or ancillary provisions as it appears to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the accepted amendment and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may contain provisions amending references in this Act to specific provisions of the Agreement.

(5) Judicial notice shall be taken of the provisions of the Agreement and any amendments made thereto as if they were contained in this Act.

(6) The Minister shall cause a copy of the Agreement and any Orders made under this section, to be—

- (a) published in the *Gazette*; and
- (b) accessible on the website of the Ministry.

Regulations.

**5.** (1) The Minister may make Regulations for giving effect to the purposes and provisions of this Act.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) are subject to negative resolution of Parliament.

**\*6. (Omitted).**

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\*See Note on Consequential Amendments on page 2 of this Act.