

**CARIFORUM (CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ACT**

ACT NO. 9 OF 2013

**Act
9 of 2013**

UNOFFICIAL

Current Authorised Pages

<i>Pages (inclusive)</i>	<i>Authorised by L.R.O.</i>
1-6	..

Note on Subsidiary Legislation

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

Note on section 6

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

UNOFFICIAL

ACT NO. 9 OF 2013

**CARIFORUM (CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ACT**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Commencement.
3. Interpretation.
4. Agreement to have the force of law.
5. Regulations.
6. *(Omitted)*.

UNOFFICIAL

LAWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
*CARIFORUM (Caribbean Community and
Dominican Republic) European Community
Economic Partnership Agreement*

4

No. 9 of 2013

9 of 2013.

ACT NO. 9 OF 2013

**CARIFORUM (CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ACT**

**An Act to give effect to the Economic Partnership Agreement
between CARIFORUM States (Caribbean Community
and the Dominican Republic) and the European
Community; to effect consequential amendments to the
Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 and for related matters.**

*[ASSENTED TO 17TH JULY 2013]

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 European Community have entered into an Economic Partnership Agreement (the Agreement) signed on October 15, 2008:

And whereas the purposes of the Agreement are to strengthen the framework for economic and trade relations between CARIFORUM and the European Community, to enhance the economic relationship and in particular, trade and investment flows, building on and improving the current level of preferential market access into the European Community 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 (Caribbean Community and Dominican Republic) European Community Economic Partnership Agreement Act. Short title.

2. Articles 31, 67, 68, 72, 81 to 83, 146, 148, 150, 165 to 182, 197 to 201, 238, Annex III, Appendix I to Annex III, Appendix II to Annex III, Annex IVe, Annex IVf and Annex VI of the Agreement shall come into effect on such dates as are fixed by the President by Proclamation. Commencement.

3. In this Act— Interpretation.
“Agreement” means the Economic Partnership Agreement between Member States comprising the CARIFORUM grouping and the European Community, signed on October 15, 2008 and its Protocols and Annexes, as published in *Gazette* No. 159 dated Thursday 24th November 2011 and as amended in accordance with section 4; and
“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for trade is assigned.

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

(2) Where an amendment to the Agreement is accepted by the Government, 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.

LAWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
*CARIFORUM (Caribbean Community and
Dominican Republic) European Community*

6 **No. 9 of 2013** *Economic Partnership Agreement*

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

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).**

*See Note on section 6 at page 2.
