

**COCOA (IMPORT AND EXPORT) ACT**

**CHAPTER 64:21**

**Act**  
**16 of 1921**

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**Note on Adaptation**

Under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to the Law Revision Act (Ch. 3:03) the Commission amended certain references to public officers in this Chapter. The Minister's approval of the amendments was signified by LN 120/1980, but no marginal reference is made to this Notice where any such amendment is made in the text.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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CHAPTER 64:21

COCOA (IMPORT AND EXPORT) ACT

1950 Ed.  
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16 of 1921.

**An Act relating to the importation and exportation of Cocoa.**

Commencement.

[15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1921]

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Cocoa (Import and Export) Act.

Cocoa for  
exportation how  
to be dealt with.

**2.** (1) Cocoa landed in Trinidad and Tobago shall be weighed immediately on landing under the supervision of a Customs officer, who shall issue the necessary landing documents.

Form A.  
Schedule.

(2) The importer or purchaser shall, before removal of the cocoa from the place of weighing, enter into a bond in the form set out as Form A in the Schedule, in such sum and with such surety as the Comptroller may require, for the due exportation of the cocoa so landed as cocoa of the country in which it was produced, the exportation to be within such period as the Comptroller may fix provided that a general bond in the form set out as Form B in the Schedule, in such sum and with such surety as the Comptroller may require, may be entered into to cover a series of shipments.

Form B.  
Schedule.

Regulations.

**3.** The Minister may make Regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

Penalty.

**4.** Any contravention of this Act or of any regulations made under it shall be punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars recoverable on summary conviction.

Execution of  
bonds.

**5.** Bonds under this Act may be executed before the Comptroller or such officer as he may depute and shall not be liable to stamp duty.

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**SCHEDULE**

**FORM A**

Section 2(2).

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Know all men by these presents that ..... of ..... and ..... of ..... are held and firmly bound unto the State in the sum of ..... to be paid to the State, for which payment well and truly to be made We hereby bind ourselves by these presents.

Whereas ..... has imported ..... of cocoa from ..... being the produce of ..... and intends to export the same to .....

Now therefore the condition of the above-written bond is such that if the said ..... shall export the said cocoa as the produce of ..... within ..... from the date of these presents, or within such further time as may be allowed by the Comptroller of Customs and Excise, then his bond shall be void but otherwise shall be and remain in full force.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 20.....

Signed and delivered by the above  
named ..... and ..... in  
the presence of ..... of  
Customs.

Section 2(2).

**FORM B**

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Know all men by these presents that ..... of ..... and ..... of ..... are held and firmly bound unto the State in the sum of ..... to be paid to the State, for which payment well and truly to be made We hereby bind ourselves by these presents.

Whereas ..... of ..... intends from time to time to import cocoa from places outside Trinidad and Tobago and to export the same:

Now therefore the condition of the above-written bond is such that if the said ..... shall export all cocoa so imported as the produce of the place where such cocoa was grown, within such time as may be fixed by the Comptroller of Customs and Excise, then this bond shall be void but otherwise shall be and remain in full force.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 20..... .

Signed and delivered by the above  
named ..... and ..... in  
the presence of ..... of  
Customs.

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**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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**COCOA (IMPORT AND EXPORT) REGULATIONS**

**ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

**REGULATION**

1. Citation.
2. Imported cocoa.
3. Bags of uniform size.
4. Bags not of uniform size.
5. Landing Certificate.
6. Duplicate Landing Certificate.
7. Credit Certificate.
8. Discrepancies in weight.
9. Marking.

**SCHEDULE.**

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G. 30.6.1921.  
13.12.1934.

**COCOA (IMPORT AND EXPORT) REGULATIONS**

*made under section 3*

- Citation. **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Cocoa (Import and Export) Regulations.
- Imported cocoa. **2.** (1) Cocoa imported into Trinidad and Tobago shall be weighed at the expense of the importer.
- (2) Every person importing cocoa, and every person into whose possession any such cocoa may come, and to whom the Landing Certificate may be transferred shall within seven days of the close of each quarter ending on 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December in each year deliver to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise a true and accurate return thereof according to the form in the Schedule and giving the particulars required thereby.
- Schedule.
- Bags of uniform size. **3.** At least ten percent of the quantity imported where the bags are of uniform size shall be weighed by the Customs Officer, the average being taken on the weight for the whole of the cargo. Slack bags are not to be weighed to ascertain the average, but all such shall be weighed separately.
- Bags not of uniform size. **4.** When not in bags of a uniform size the whole shall be weighed.
- Landing Certificate. **5.** The Landing Certificate shall be certified by the officer weighing, who will endorse the weight and the date of issue on the import entry.
- Duplicate Landing Certificate. **6.** No duplicate Landing Certificate shall be issued except with the authority of the Comptroller of Customs and Excise.
- Credit Certificate. **7.** If the quantity shipped is less than the amount shown on the Landing Certificate, a Credit Certificate, prepared by the exporter, shall be certified by the Customs Officer clearing the vessel for the quantity short shipped and the issue noted on the original Landing Certificate, which shall be surrendered and attached to the shipping bill.

**8.** Discrepancies in weight between importation and exportation alleged to be due to moisture and waste shall be so proved to the satisfaction of the Comptroller of Customs and Excise. Discrepancies in weight.

**9.** All bags of British West Indian cocoa exported shall be marked with their country of origin. Marking.

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**SCHEDULE**

Regulation 2(2).

**Return of Transactions in Imported Cocoa for the quarter ended (\*) ....., 20.....**

*Name and Address of Importer or Dealer ..... Telephone No. ....*

RECEIVED

Imported			By transfer		
Date	Name of ship	Quantity (lb.)	Date	From whom	Quantity (lb.)

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DISPOSED OF

Exported				On transfer		
Date	Name of ship	No. of S/B	Quantity (lb.)	Date	To whom	Quantity (lb.)

*Summary*

Balance on hand on ..... 20.....      ...      ...      ...      ...      lb.

*[end of previous quarter]*

Total received during quarter    ...      ...      ...      ...      ...      "

Total disposed of during quarter      ...      ...      ...      ...      ...      "

Amount unaccounted for (shrinkage)    ...      ...      ...      ...      ...      "

Balance on hand on ..... 20.....      ...      ...      ...      ...      "

*[end of last quarter]*

I declare the particulars stated herein to be true and correct: I further declare that the amount of

..... pounds shown as unaccounted for by disposal is due to loss from normal shrinkage, and to no other cause.

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Dated this ..... day of .....20.....

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*(Signature of Importer or Dealer)*

Before me

.....  
*Witness  
for Comptroller of Customs and Excise*

.....  
\*A return in this form is to be delivered to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise within seven days of the close of each quarter ending March, June, September and December.