

**Second Session Fourth Parliament Republic of Trinidad  
and Tobago**

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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 14 of 1992**

[L.S.]

**AN ACT to provide for the validation of acts and things  
purported to be done under or in pursuance of  
the Customs (Caribbean Common Market) (Origin  
of Goods) Regulations, 1981.**

*[Assented to 19th October, 1992]*

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## Preamble

WHEREAS it is provided by section 13(1) of the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01, that the President may by regulations make provisions as to the case in which, in determining eligibility for any Common Market rate of duty, goods are or are not to be treated as of Common Market Origin, as to the time by reference to which the question whether goods are to be so treated is to be decided, and as to the evidence which is required for showing that goods are to be so treated:

And whereas it is provided by section 13(3) that the regulations may make different provisions for different purposes and in relation to goods of different descriptions:

And whereas the Customs (Caribbean Common Market) (Origin of Goods) Regulations, 1981 (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations") were published:

And whereas by Legal Notices 143 of 1983, 40 of 1985 and 202 of 1985, Cabinet gave effect to the decisions of the Common Market Council of Ministers to defer the implementation of the qualifying conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Regulations for items under Tariff Heading No. Ex. 48:15:

And whereas the Common Market Council of Ministers at its Twenty-Eighth Meeting held in June, 1986, its Thirty-Second Meeting held from 20th June to 2nd July, 1988 and a special meeting held on the 12th and 13th September, 1988, agreed to defer the effective dates for the qualifying conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule in respect of items under Tariff Heading No. Ex. 48:15 and items, originating from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, under Tariff Heading No. Ex. 73:13:

And whereas the Regulations were not amended to reflect the decisions of the Council of Ministers but the Customs and Excise Division acted as though the Regulations had been amended:

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And whereas it is necessary and expedient to validate all acts and things purported to be done in respect of items under Tariff Heading Nos. Ex. 48:15 and Ex. 73:13 of the Second Schedule to the Regulations:

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:— <sup>Enactment</sup>

1. This Act may be cited as the Customs (Caribbean <sup>Short title</sup> Common Market) (Origin of Goods) (Validation) Act, 1992.

2. Notwithstanding any rule of law to the contrary, <sup>Validation</sup> it is declared that all acts and things purported to be done or omitted to be done by the Comptroller of Customs and Excise under the Customs (Caribbean Common Market) (Origin of Goods) Regulations, 1981, with respect to items under Tariff Heading Nos. Ex. 48:15 and Ex. 73:13 are deemed to have been lawfully and validly done or omitted to be done and no legal proceedings or other action of any kind shall be entertained in respect of or in consequence of such acts and things.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 11th day of September, 1992.

N. COX  
*Acting Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 6th day of October, 1992.

R. CUMBERBATCH  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*