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J. HUGGINS,  
*Acting Governor.*  
13th April, 1939.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Customs Bonds.

[On Proclamation.]

Commencement.

**E**NACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago  
with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council  
thereof.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Customs (Bonds) Short title.  
Ordinance, 1939.

Bonds and securities relative to Customs.

2. (1) All bonds and other securities entered into by any person or persons for the performance of any condition, order or matter relative to the customs or incident thereto shall be valid in law and upon breach of any of the conditions thereof may be sued and proceeded upon; all such bonds or securities shall be taken to or for the use of His Majesty; and all such bonds or securities given under the provisions of any Customs law by persons under twenty-one years of age shall be valid; and it shall not be necessary for the validity of any of such bonds or securities that they shall be sealed or that they shall be signed or delivered in the presence of a witness or that they shall be prepared by a barrister or certificated conveyancer or that they shall be delivered as a specialty; and all such bonds may after the expiration of three years from the date thereof or from the time (if any) limited therein for the performance of the condition thereof be cancelled by or by the order of the Comptroller.

Surety under a Bond to be deemed a principal debtor.

(2) Without prejudice to any rights of a surety under any bond required by any Customs law against the person for whom he is surety, a surety shall under the bond executed by him be deemed a principal debtor and not merely a surety and accordingly shall not be discharged nor shall his liability be affected by any giving of time for payment or by any omission to enforce the bond or by any other act or omission or means whereby the liability of the surety would not have been discharged if he had been a principal debtor.

Renewal of Bond in certain cases.

(3) Whenever any person bound under a bond required by any Customs law—

- (a) dies; or
- (b) becomes a bankrupt or enters into any arrangement for composition with or for the benefit of his creditors; or
- (c) departs from the Colony without leaving sufficient property therein to satisfy the whole amount for which he is bound; or
- (d) for any other reason is in the opinion of the Comptroller unable or likely to be unable to satisfy the bond if called upon,

the Comptroller may if he thinks fit require a new bond to be executed in the same amount as the original bond.

(4) The Comptroller may at any time during the continuance of a bond call upon the surety or sureties thereof to satisfy him as to means and for that purpose may require a statutory declaration justifying such means. <sup>Justifying  
Bond.</sup>

3. This Ordinance shall commence on the date of the commencement of the Customs Ordinance, 1938. <sup>Commence-  
ment.</sup>

Passed in Council this 24th day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

W. E. BOARDMAN,  
*Clerk of the Council.*