

**VISION STATEMENT**

Our vision is to be a world class Customs Administration recognized for our administrative and operational efficiency.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to expedite and facilitate legitimate trade and travel, while collecting and protecting Government revenue, safeguarding the health, security and economic viability of our Nation and continuously providing high quality services to all persons.

CORE VALUES

Integrity
Accountability
Transparency
Professionalism

NOTICE

Common External Tariff (CET) – Paints and Varnishes

The Barbados Customs and Excise Department wishes to advise all importers, customs brokers and other stakeholders of the implementation of the suspension of the Common External Tariff (CET) on specified paints and varnishes.

In accordance with Amended Article 83(3), sub-paragraphs (f) and (g) of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, the applicable rate of import duty on the specified products has been increased to 50% for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027.

This change applies to goods classified under the following Harmonized System (H.S.) headings:

• 3208.10	• 3208.20	• 3208.90	• 3209.10
• 3209.90	• 3210.00	• 3214.10	• 3214.90

Exception – Automotive Paints and Coatings

Stakeholders are further advised that, pursuant to the confirmed decision of the Sixty-Second Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED), Barbados will apply the following tariff rates to specified automotive paints and coatings with effect from 1 July 2026:

Commodity Code	Applicable Duty Rate
3208.10.10	15%
3208.20.10	15%
3208.20.90	15%
3208.90.10	15%
3214.10.10	5%
3214.10.50	15%