



## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

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#### **Congratulations to Customs and Excise on change in location**

The Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA) wishes to congratulate and highly commend the Customs and Excise Division for its recent relocation to the new Government Campus.

With this very noteworthy and remarkable development along with its attendant upgrades in working resources and other amenities, another important step towards a changed paradigm has been accomplished, especially as we consider the relatively unsatisfactory working conditions of its previous abode.

The TTMA on behalf of our large number of members which depend daily on the Customs and Excise Division, is confident, that this enhanced working environment will act as a catalyst that ensures that the Customs & Excise Department will deliver a service to its customers second to none and in alignment with International Best Practice, especially in the areas that impact most on cost and prices - document processing, inspections, examinations, and payment systems for duties, taxes and other related fees, which would facilitate the timely release and clearance of cargo.

TTMA recognizes the very important role that Customs and Excise plays in national trade facilitation for this country, and is therefore now cautiously optimistic that a new era has commenced which will contribute greatly to the ease, as well as cost, of doing business with and in Trinidad and Tobago.

TTMA looks forward to continuing, and building upon, its close stakeholder engagement with the Division and other related agencies in service to our membership, the private sector, and our country.

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