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Dear Valued Member

The Chamber is aware of the overall impact that the State of Emergency (SoE) can have on private sector and business stability and productivity. The following information has been sourced to keep members informed of relevant details and to assist with the smooth running of business during this period:

The State of Emergency as announced by Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar on Sunday August 21st, 2011 will be from 9pm to 5 am in areas designated as "crime hot spots." Government has indicated that the main objective was to eliminate crime and to get illegal guns off the streets. The areas under curfew will be those under the boundaries of the Municipal Corporations Act that is local government areas under Port of Spain and San Fernando City Corporations; the Chaguanas and Arima Borough Corporations and the Diego Martin and San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporations. Although crime hot spots will be the subject of special attention from law enforcement officials, policing continues throughout Trinidad and Tobago. A breakdown of the hot spots are as follows:

The City of Port of Spain -
· St. James East
· St. James West
· Woodbrook
· Northern Port of Spain
· Belmont East
· Belmont North & West
· Southern Port of Spain
· East Dry River
· St. Ann's River South
· St. Ann's River Central
· St. Ann's River North
· Belmont South

The City of San Fernando -
· Cocoyea/Tarouba
· Les Efforts East/Cipero

· Les Efforts West/La Romain
· Marabella East
· Marabella South/Vistabella
· Marabella West
· Mon Repos/Navet
· Pleasantville
· Spring Vale/Paradise

The Borough of Arima -
· Calvary
· Arima North East
· Arima West
· Arima Central
· Malabar
· Tumpuna
· O'Meara

The Borough of Chaguanas -
· Charlieville
· Edinburgh/Longdonville
· Enterprise North
· Enterprise South
· Cunupia
· Montrose
· Felicity/Endevour
· Munroe Road/Caroni Savannah

The San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation -
· Maracus Bay/Santa Cruz/La Fillette
· Febeau/Bourg Mulatresse
· Morvant/Upper Malick
· San Juan West/Caledonia
· St. Ann's/Cascade/Mon Repos West
· St. Barb's Chinapoo
· Beetham/Picton

· Success/Trou Macaque
· Aranguez/Warner Village
· Barataria
· Petit Bourg/Champ Fleurs/Mt. Lambert
· San Juan East

The Diego Martin Regional Corporation -
· Chaguaramas/Glencoe
· Goodwood/La Puerta
· Covinge/Richplain
· Diamond Vale
· Morne Coco/Alyce Glen
· Petit Valley/Cocorite
· St. Lucien/cameron Hill
· Belle Vue/Bossiere #1
· Moka/Bossiere #2

- The limited State of Emergency will be for a period of 15 days and will be reviewed daily and members of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force will have powers of arrest as well as the power to search and seize without a search warrant. They will work either independently or with members of the police service; police will be on heightened alert throughout Trinidad and Tobago;
- No Person shall be out of doors in the areas and at the times specified in Schedule 3 without a permit in writing from the Commissioner of Police, or such other person or authority as may be authorised by him for the purpose and any such permission may be granted subject to such conditions as may be specified therein.

- Permits will be issued for persons operating within the 9pm-5am curfew period and citizens can apply to the Police Stations near their homes. These police stations will issue the requested passes. As it relates to organisations falling within the Essential Services, through the Police Headquarters, the Office of the Commissioner of Police will facilitate these organizations. Passes will not be issued to every citizen in the affected areas. Passes are being issued for persons who will be required by way of issues around work;
- Persons falling within the realm of the Essential Services to facilitate them to and from their workplace;
- There are two categories for Curfew Permits. **Same Day Curfew Permi**t – This will facilitate movement within the Curfew period for one day. **Entire Duration Curfew Permit** - This provides the holder with access to curfew areas for the entire period of the Limited State of Emergency. For the travelling public, or persons who have scheduled flights which fall within the curfew period, it is

advised that they visit the nearest Police Station in their district with their Confirmation of air travel and Passport. This will facilitate the issuance of a Same Day Curfew Permit. For persons arriving in Trinidad and Tobago at Piarco International Airport please be advised that a Help Desk has been established at the Airport to facilitate the issuance of Same Day Curfew Permits. This will grant persons permission to travel from the Airport to their destination throughout Trinidad and Tobago;

- A person shall be exempted from the requirement of a permit if they produce evidence that they are a police officer or Defence Force member on duty.
- A permit may be obtained upon written application to the officer in charge of a police station
- An applicant for permit shall provide to an officer in charge of the police station to whom an application is made, his name, home address and, if employed, work address and telephone numbers.
- The Minister of Transport, Senator Devant Maharaj announced that all bus and maxi taxi services will end at 8 pm. Ticket sale times will not be affected. Bus services will begin at 6 am from Tuesday, August 23rd, 2011.The Minister confirmed that there will be extra buses operating between 4pm and 8pm during the 15-day period of the limited State of Emergency. There will also be extra security on the platforms at City Gate, and with school re-opening soon, that schedule may change.

- State-owned Caribbean Airlines (CAL) is operating as usual despite the implementation of a 9pm-5am curfew. CAL advised the public of the following:

• To date all Caribbean Airlines flights are operating as scheduled

• Currently, Caribbean Airlines has been advised that today, passengers travelling to the airport are asked to carry 2 forms of photo ID and their travel itinerary

• Passengers arriving in Trinidad and Tobago must keep all their travel documents including boarding tickets. Customers should review the website for regular updates at www.caribbean-airlines.com for more information.

- An inter-ministerial team comprising the Attorney General Anand Ramlogan; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Communications Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan; Leader of the Government Business in the House of Representatives and Minister of Housing and the Environment Dr. Roodal Moonilal and Leader of Government Business in the Senate, Minister of Public Utilities Emmanuel George has been set up to oversee the Independence celebrations during the State of Emergency;
- If you have to access hospitals and other health facilities, use the normal routes and police and soldiers will exercise discretion;
- Persons arrested during the State of Emergency can be held for up to 24 hours and a senior officer has the authority to detain the person for a further seven days;
- No bail for those arrested during the period; discussions will be held with the Chief Justice to set up a tribunal to hear grievances;
- The Defence Force Legal Officer in accordance with the Emergency Powers Regulations

and in accordance with the Proclamation has drafted strict guidelines for operations which must be obeyed by soldiers. Allegations of police brutality will not be treated lightly; police and soldiers will approach their duties in a mature and sensible manner and law abiding citizens have nothing to fear during this period;

- Persons with information about criminal activity are urged to share the information with the authorities;
- The State of Emergency is not about the deprivation of human rights but about restoration of all human rights to citizens;
- The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago has advised that operations at the CARICOM wharves will start at 7am and end at 7pm commencing Tuesday 23rd August 2011 and continuing until further notice;
- The Port of Point Lisas – PLIPDECO has advised that with immediate effect and continuing until further notice all barriers throughout the Point Lisas Industrial Estate will be closed from 9pm – 5am nightly. Access onto the Estate during this time will only be allowed via the Atlantic Avenue Entrance.

In addition to the above information, the following guidelines were highlighted by the ***T&T Coalition of Services Industries***. Even though some of these points have already been provided, please also take note as the information is also very valuable:

AUTHORITY POLICE/ARMY:

Soldiers will exercise powers enjoyed by police during the period of the Limited State of Emergency:

- Search and seizure powers enhanced because you don't need a search warrant
- Powers of arrest and detention are included; they will be able to arrest but will hand over detainees to police. Police can arrest and detain for up to 24 hours after which a magistrate, or assistant superintendent (or higher), will be able to add an extra 7 days
- No bail for those arrested during the State of Emergency; courts no longer will have the power to grant bail. You must comply with all requests by police to stop for search and seizure protocols. A special 3-person tribunal will be set up by Chief Justice to oversee and adjudicate all possible cases of abuse of power.

PERMITS FOR EMPLOYEES REQUIRING ACCESS TO WORK BETWEEN 9:00 P.M. – 5:00 A.M.

Adjust operations accordingly to accommodate for curfew. Apply for permits for essential staff requiring access to facilities during curfew hours (see template for guidelines). Letters should be addressed to the Senior Superintendent of the police division with responsibility for the area in which your facilities are located. Employees with permits should travel with all vehicle documents (license & insurance); identification; company identification and permit

SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES

Ensure that you have all of your documents available on your person or in your vehicle (license & insurance) for production at Police/Army roadblock. AT NIGHT - Turn off your headlights and turn your House lights ON when approaching a Police roadblock. This is to ensure that Police Officers can clearly see the occupants of the vehicle and will not be blinded by your headlights. This will reduce anxiety for police and law abiding occupants. Comply with the Police/Army Officer's instructions. Remember to secure and lock all doors and windows in your house during the curfew period. If persons unexpectedly present themselves or appear in military or security uniforms you should request that they produce identification. If you are suspicious of their intention you should have them hold while you call the district Police and indicate their presence. Every effort must be made to ensure that you get to your residence before the curfew starts at 9.00 p.m. Persons having medical problems at night should call an ambulance and be accompanied by a member of their family to the Hospital. Every effort must be made to avoid traveling to or from work near curfew hours (9.00 p.m. - 5.00 a.m.). Please don't take any chances to venture outside your home during the curfew period.

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