


EUROCHAMTT

News

SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE ON IMPORTANT REGULATORY DATES
AND EXTENSIONS - COVID 19 TIMES 14 JUNE 2021

Mindful of the numerous regulations and rapid changes occurring and the challenge to keep abreast for planning purposes, EUROCHAMTT presents the following table which summarizes some of the most relevant notices, dates and references. Note also that all legal notices are available to the public from the Judiciary website. See this link: <https://www.ttlawcourts.org/index.php/law-library/news-a-alerts/new-legislation-trinidad-and-tobago/legal-notices?limitstart=0>

| TOPIC | UPDATE | REFERENCE |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Border Reopening | The Prime Minister has recently indicated that the Government is targeting the 2nd week of July 2021 for the border reopening. This would come with conditions consistent with other countries around the world. | COVID media conferences. EUROCHAMTT will continue to monitor and inform members of further news. |
| Current Curfew times | 9.00 p.m.- 5.00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 7.00 p.m.- 5.00 a.m on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Note on the most recent public holidays, these times were recently changed from 10.00 a.m. to the 5.a.m. on the following day. There is a public holiday on Saturday 19 th June 2021 to mark Labour Day. | THE EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 2) REGULATIONS, 2021 Legal Notice 178 |
| Restriction of Activities | Restrictions on being in public places including churches, beaches, restaurants, parks are still in effect. Restrictions on business activities of a non-essential nature also remain in effect. With effect from 14 th June 2021, bookstores and art supply stores are allowed to operate from Monday to Friday 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and hardware stores from Monday to Thursday, 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Friday 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and Saturday 8.00 a.m. to 12 noon. | THE PUBLIC HEALTH [2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)] (NO. 16) REGULATIONS, 2021 Legal Notice 143, 16 th May 2021 |

| TOPIC | UPDATE | REFERENCE |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Income Tax Act Extensions | <p>The deadline for the submission of Employers' PAYE Annual Returns has been extended from March 31, 2021 to June 30, 2021.</p> <p>Note also: Employers can file their PAYE Annual Return, TD4 Supplementary Forms (TD4 Certificates) and IT 76 Forms, online via its e-Tax platform https://etax.ird.gov.tt .</p> | <p>See link: https://www.ird.gov.tt/Tags/PAYE%20Annual%20Return</p> |
| Companies Act Extensions | <p>The deadlines for filing and waiver of penalty fees and interest for documents under the Companies Act is extended from 30th June, 2021 to 5th January, 2022. Documents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return of Beneficial Interest in the Shares of Companies • Annual returns • Notices of Changes of Director/ Secretaries/ Registered Addresses, among other sensitive documents | <p>THE COMPANIES (WAIVER OF PENALTIES) (NO. 2) ORDER, 2021</p> <p>Legal Notice 152</p> <p>Please note that EUROCHAMTT member, Aegis Business Solutions Ltd</p>  <p>provides a special business continuity hub to assist companies with the special challenges of COVID 19: Visit: https://www.aegistt.com/aegis-hub-for-bcp-planning/ .</p> |
| Non-Profits Act Extensions | <p>The period specified in section 27(1) – period within which a nonprofit organization may continue to carry out its activities without registration and 27 (3) – the period by which a nonprofit company should submit a risk assessment to the Registrar General, is extended to 5th January, 2022.</p> | <p>THE NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS (EXTENSION OF TIME) (NO. 2) ORDER, 2021</p> <p>Legal Notice 156</p> |
| Drivers Permits | <p>Holders of driver's permits issued by the Licensing Division which have expired by January 1, 2021, are valid until 1st October 2021 or such later date as the Minister of Works and Transport may specify.</p> | <p>Media release: http://www.mowt.gov.tt/Divisions/Transport-Division/Media-Releases/Continued-Closure-of-the-Licensing-Division-until</p> |
| International Driver's Licence | <p>Visitors and non-residence may drive up to 90 days on their licence issued by country of origin or up to 1 year on an international driver's licence. There has been no mention of whether the validity of such licences would also be extended to October 2021 due to COVID 19 as in the case of holders of TT drivers' permits.</p> | <p>EUROCHAMTT is awaiting feedback from the Transport Commissioner.</p> |

| TOPIC | UPDATE | REFERENCE |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Work Permits | <p>In person services provided by the Ministry of National Security remain suspended until July 04, 2021. During this period, queries to the Work Permit Secretariat can be addressed via email to eworkpermithelpdesk@mns.gov.tt</p> <p><i>Additionally, we have attached the latest procedures for self-employed, individual and group applications.</i></p> | <p>https://nationalecurity.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Updated-Public-Notice-Continued-Suspension-of-Services-by-the-Work-Permit-Secretariat-and-Citizenship-and-Residency-Unit-25.05.2021.pdf</p> |
| Transition from TT\$ cotton to polymer notes | <p>From January 1, 2022 banknotes in the denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 bearing series dates prior to 2020 shall cease to be legal tender for cash payment within Trinidad and Tobago. The Central Bank will continue however to exchange the notes indefinitely after January 1, 2022.</p> | <p>https://www.central-bank.org.tt/sites/default/files/page-file-uploads/notice-section-27-1-central-bank-act.pdf</p> |
| Liquor Licences | <p>There are various types of liquor licences issued in Trinidad and Tobago. The validity of liquor licences, which were due to expire on March 31, 2021, will be honoured until June 30, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Grocer’s Licence • Spirit Retailer’s Licence • Wine Retailer’s Licence • Wine Merchants Licence • Restaurant Licence • Special Restaurant Licence • Hotel Spirit Licence • Special Hotel Licence • Spirit Dealer’s Licence | <p>https://www.ttlawcourts.org/index.php/component/attachments/download/7866</p> |
| COVID 19 VACCINE DEPLOYMENT | <p>The Covid 19 Vaccine Deployment has begun but is limited by the number of vaccines available with each tranche received. There are various channels in place for obtaining the vaccine. Currently, the main channels are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via appointment directly with the Ministry of Health • First come first serve basis at health centres around the country. The focus is currently for persons over 65. • Via Sector specific arrangements including arrangements made for: health sector, government, manufacturing, supermarket association, law association, construction sector, media workers, CEPEP | <p>EUROCHAMTT has written and is awaiting feedback from the Ministry of Health with more details on these three procedures.</p> <p>EUROCHAMTT is also following up on vaccine acceptability in the EU, UK, USA and Canada as many of our members will need to travel and there is news that not all vaccines will meet the entry requirements for these territories.</p> |