

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE) BAN/PROHIBITION

Please be advised that the Environmental Health Services Act CAP 285 Section 31 of the Revised Laws of St. Vincent and the Grenadines 2009 has been amended. [SEE THE ATTACHED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH \(EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE BAN\) REGULATIONS 2017 \(SR&O No. 21 OF 2017\).](#)

The objectives of the Regulations are to:

- I. **Prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of expanded polystyrene food service products in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;**
- II. **Prohibit the use or provision of expanded polystyrene food service products in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; and**
- III. **Promote and encourage the use of biodegradable, recyclable and other environmentally friendly containers or packaging for food *in lieu* of expanded polystyrene products.**

The Regulations therefore covers the Prohibition on importation of Expanded Polystyrene Service Products (**including meat and vegetable trays**) and comes into effect on the **1st of May, 2017**.

The Tariff **Sub-headings** covered under the term “**Expanded Polystyrene Food Service products**” include **3923.50.10, 3923.50.90, 3923.90.10 and 3923.90.90**

The Regulations in **Section 11** contain two (2) main transitional provisions which are as follows.

- I. **It does not apply to an importation shown to the satisfaction of the Comptroller of Customs to have been ordered prior to the commencement of these Regulations if the goods arrive in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines within ninety (90) days after such commencement.**
- II. **Persons are expected to comply within nine (9) months of the commencement of the Regulations**
- III. **Compliance with Section 5 is required within nine (9) months of the commencement of these Regulations.**

By the Comptroller of Customs and Excise