GRENADA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 18 OF 2011

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 7, 8, AND 9 OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, No. 35 OF 1960.

(Gazetted 15th July, 2011).

WHEREAS section 7 of the Customs Act No. 35 of 1960, hereinafter referred to as the Customs Act, provides that Parliament may from time to time by resolution impose import or export duties of customs upon any goods whatsoever which may be imported or exported from Grenada and to revoke, reduce, increase or alter any such duties;

WHEREAS section 8 of the Customs Act provides that notwithstanding section 7, the Minister may by Order revoke, reduce or increase any import or export duties of customs or impose new import or export duties of customs;

WHEREAS section 9 of the Customs Act provides that every Oder issued by the Minister under section 8 shall after four days and within twenty-one days from the date of its first publication be submitted to Parliament and Parliament may by resolution confirm, amend or revoke such Order and upon publication of the resolution in the *Gazette*, the resolution shall have effect and the Order shall then expire;

WHEREAS it is necessary to impose such duties by inserting a new Schedule to the Customs Act, in order to introduce a phased transitional period for the reduction and elimination of customs duties on products falling under the Harmonised Community Description and Coding System 2007, originating from the European community in accordance with legal obligations falling upon Grenada by virtue of Grenada signing into the Economic Partnership Agreement on October 15, 2008;

WHEREAS Article 243 of the Economic Partnership Agreement provides that parts of the Agreement can be applied provisionally;

WHEREAS Grenada as now agreed to provisionally apply Annex III of the Economic Partnership Agreement which provides that all products falling under the Harmonised Community Description and Coding system 2007 heading and originating in the European Community shall not on their importation into the CARIFORUM States, be subject to customs duties higher than those indicated in the Annex as of the dates indicated therein, unless otherwise specified;

AND WHEREAS it is now necessary to insert Annex III of the Economic Partnership Agreement as a new Schedule to the Customs Act and impose such duties over a period to enable the reduction and elimination of customs duties on the products outlined;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Parliament that the New Economic Partnership Agreement Tariff based on Annex III of the Economic Partnership Agreement be inserted as a new Schedule to the Customs Act, as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON HIM PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 OF THE CUSTOMS ACT NO. 35 OF 1960 MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Citation. This Order may be cited as the

ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TARIFF ORDER, 2011

and shall be read as one with the Customs Act, No. 35 of 1960, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

2. Insertion of Schedule. After Schedule 5 of the principal Act, the following Schedule is hereby inserted:

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Made by the Minister this 11th day of March, 2011.

V. NAZIM BURKE *Minister of Finance.*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 31st day of May, 2011.

ADRIAN C. A. HAYES Clerk to the House of Representatives.

Passed in the Senate this 16th day of June, 2011.

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Clerk to the Senate.

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