



Is your Customs Broker familiar with the new ASYCUDA World System?

The Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA) is currently expanding the use of the ASYCUDA World System. The export component of the system has been successfully piloted and implemented at all ports to satisfy mandatory use of the automated system.

Given the expansion to import procedures, the role of Cargo Reporters (Shipping Agents and Freight Forwarders) is critical to the successful implementation of the system. This will facilitate automated validation of all import declarations registered by Customs Brokers against manifest information submitted by Cargo Reporters.

In preparation for the phased implementation of additional modules and regimes, Carriers and their Agents for the most part have been submitting Cargo Manifests to both ASYCUDA World and the eManifest Systems; the ASYCUDA World System is already being used for import declaration processing of Sufferance Wharves shipments.

The Jamaica Customs Agency will be expanding the implementation scope to include the processing of **Transit, Transshipment, Public / Private Warehousing, Commercial and Non-commercial import procedures** and regimes at the Port of Kingston commencing **Thursday October 01, 2015** for **selected entities and carriers**.

Further details surrounding these activities will be disseminated to the target stakeholder consortiums through project advisories and stakeholder working sessions. ALL registered/approved Customs Brokers/Clerks who have not yet been privy to an account within ASYCUDA World are being asked to complete the attached form - [JeTS-User-Acceptance-Form-External-Exporter](#) and return same to the Information Management Unit for processing.

Further information is available at these important links:

- ◆ ASYCUDA World Implementation Project Proposed Transit and Transshipment of Goods Procedure - [Asycuda World - Proposed Transit and Transshipment Process Ver 0 3](#)
- ◆ Technical Requirements Brochure - [tech-req-brochure](#)
- ◆ JAVA Installation for ASYCUDA - [JAVA installation for ASYCUDA](#)

Should you require further clarification or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the JCA project office at 750-3006 or Helpdesk at 750-3030 (Ext 3047, 3127, 3133, 3126, 3198) or www.jacusroms.gov.jm. The Jamaica Customs Agency is located at Myers' Wharf, Newport East, Kingston15.

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Dichter & Neira: Jamaica Insider September 2015

Dichter & Neira Jamaica Limited, a tech-advanced research agency and member of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce based in Kingston and covering the Caribbean & Latin America, periodically conducts surveys on topical issues and shares them free of cost.

The latest “D&N Insider” focuses specifically on the **social media habits** of the typical Jamaican household shopper. In just a few graphs see Jamaicans’...

- ◆ Frequency of Internet Usage
- ◆ Top 3 social networking sites used & frequency thereof
- ◆ WhatsApp Usage

We invite you to view the results in an easy-to-digest downloadable format by clicking on this link: [Jamaicans’ Social Media Usage: Jamaica Insider Sept 2015](#)

In sharing, Dichter & Neira hopes to both showcase their capabilities and highlight interesting topics that Jamaican businesses should be exploring to inform their strategic development. We hope that you find it useful too! Dichter & Neira can be contacted at jamaica@dichter-neira.com or Tel: +876-633-7042.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Consultation at JCC



The Executive of the JCC met with members of an International Monetary Fund (IMF) team on September 11, 2015 at the JCC Secretariat. Pictured above L-R: Cathrine Kennedy, JCC 2nd VP; Oliver Chen, JCC 1st VP; Aayon Cuickshank, Director of International Trade Relations, Ministry of Finance; Coleen Christie, Senior Tax Relief Officer, Ministry of Finance; Warren McDonald, JCC President; Paul B. Scott, JCC 3rd VP; Thornton Matheson, Snr. Economist, Tax Policy Division, IMF; John Norregaard, Deputy Division Chief, Tax Policy Division, IMF; David Wentworth, Senior Economist, Tax Policy Division, IMF; and Joyce Wong, Economist, Western Hemisphere Department, IMF.



33rd HAVANA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR - FIHAV 2015 November 2 - 6, 2015 - HAVANA, CUBA

JAMPRO will be leading an outward Trade Mission to the **33rd staging of the Havana International Trade Fair, FIHAV 2015**. The Trade Show provides an opportunity for a plethora of export ready Jamaican products to be showcased with a view to attracting serious buyers, and will be held **November 2 – 6, 2015, at the Expocuba Fairground, Havana, Cuba**.

Havana International Trade Fair (FIHAV) is Cuba's largest and most important trade event. It is a multi-sectoral commercial fair with 4,500 exhibitors and participants from over 60 countries. The fair attracts buyers especially from Latin America, hence serving as a forum for Jamaican companies to enhance their presence in the Region.

Those companies that have indicated their intention to attend via email are now asked to complete and return their Expression of Interest (EOI) Form and Company Profile Form at these links:

- ◆ [JAMPRO-EXPRESSION-OF-INTEREST-FORM FIHAV 2015](#)
- ◆ [FIHAV-SUPPLIERS-PROFILE](#)

Return these forms via email to hkennedy@jamprocorp.om or via fax to 978-4341 on or before **Thursday, September 24, 2014**.

Please note that the participation cost is US\$1,500. This fee covers JAMPRO's administrative costs, booth space, furniture and branding material. **The deadline for payment is Monday, October 12, 2015.**

Open this link for information on the Travel Package: [FIHAV-2015-TRAVEL-PACKAGE-INFO](#)

For travel arrangements and accommodation, please contact Mr. Bramwell Shepherd, at Centro Latino via email at centrolatino@yahoo.com or via phone at 793-2221/755-0072. **Please note further that the travel agent will require you to provide your personal data by September 12th**. The required information is your date of birth, nationality (passport), passport number and expiry dates.

The Expression of Interest Form needs to be duly completed, signed and returned to JAMPRO along with the attendant fees to confirm your participation and booking of booth space. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

For further information, please contact Hortense Kennedy at JAMPRO at Tel: +876-978-7755 / 3337, ext. 2047.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER...SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** - Tues., September 22, 2015 - Knutsford Court Hotel. All members are encouraged to attend.
- ◆ **ANNUAL CUSTOMS SEMINAR** - Thurs., September 24, 2015 - Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. Review of Customs operations and activities at Jamaica's ports.
- ◆ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** - Tues., October 6, 2015 - JCC Secretariat Boardroom. Members are invited to attend.



CUSTOMS TARIFF & PORT USERS COMMITTEE
14th ANNUAL CUSTOMS SEMINAR
'Control Crime and Watch Trade Grow'
 Thursday September 24, 2015 - Registration 1:30 p.m. / Seminar 2:00 p.m.
 Jamaica Pegasus Hotel - Montego Suite
 For more info Tel: (876) 922-0150-1 or Email: membership@jamaicachamber.org.jm




WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST SEMINAR

AMBUSH MARKETING

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 - Registration 7:00 a.m. / Seminar 7:30 a.m.
 New Kingston Conference Centre - Dr. Bird Hall, 30 Dominica Drive, Kingston
 For more info Tel: (876) 922-0150-1 or Email: info@jamaicachamber.org.jm

For information on upcoming JCC events please contact:



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