

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 20

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS ACT, CHAP. 19:05

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
AND FESTIVALS ACT

THE CARNIVAL (PROHIBITION OF GLASS BOTTLES)
REGULATIONS, 2026

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Carnival (Prohibition of Glass Bottles) Regulations, 2026. Citation

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation

“authorised person” means—

(a) a person holding a licence under the Liquor Licences Act; Chap. 84:10

(b) a person holding a special event licence issued under the Special Event Order, 2026, made pursuant to section 47C(2) of the Liquor Licences Act; L.N. No. 17
of 2026

(c) a vendor holding a food badge issued by the Ministry of Health;

(d) a server of a band registered under the Carnival Regulations, 2026; L.N. No. 19
of 2026

(e) an employee of—

(i) a Municipal Corporation; or

(ii) the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL),

who is on duty during the period of Carnival; or

(f) an employee of a manufacturer or distributor of beverages in glass bottles, who is on duty during the period of Carnival;

“Carnival event” means an event occurring during the period of Carnival in Port-of-Spain, St. James, San Juan, Santa Cruz, Maracas Bay, Tunapuna, Arouca, Arima, San Rafael, Maracas St. Joseph, Sangre Grande, Rio Claro, Mayaro, Chaguanas, Couva, Freeport, San Fernando, Princes Town, Fyzabad, Siparia, Penal, Cedros, Point Fortin, La Brea, Santa Flora, Scarborough, Crown Point and Roxborough;

“glass bottle” means a bottle which is made entirely or partly of glass;

“period of Carnival” means the period commencing at 4.00 a.m. on Monday 16th February, 2026 and ending at midnight on Tuesday 17th February, 2026;

“police officer” means a member of the Police Service within the meaning of section 5(11)(a) of the Act;

“public place” means any highway, street, road, bridge, square, park or other open space, other than a beach, to which the public has, or is generally or conditionally granted access;

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“the Act” means the Public Holidays and Festivals Act; and

“vicinity” means a radius of one hundred metres from a Carnival event.

Prohibition of glass bottles

3. (1) A person who is not an authorised person shall not—

(a) have a glass bottle in his possession;

(b) use a glass bottle; or

(c) carry a glass bottle,

in or within the vicinity of a Carnival event in any public place during the period of Carnival.

(2) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

Seizure and disposal of glass bottles

4. (1) Where a person is found committing an offence under regulation 3, a police officer may, without proceeding to arrest that person, seize and take away any glass bottle which that person has in his possession.

(2) A glass bottle which is seized under subregulation (1) shall, in accordance with section 5(8) of the Act, be forfeited and kept in safe custody by the Police until disposed of in such manner as the Minister may direct.

Duration

5. These Regulations shall come into force at 4.00 a.m. on Monday 16th February, 2026 and expire at midnight on Tuesday 17th February, 2026.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2026.

C. HEMLEE
Secretary to Cabinet