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PRESS RELEASE

JCA's CONTACTLESS CLEARANCE PROCESS REMAINS OPTIONAL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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The Jamaica Customs Agency's (JCA) Physical Inspection Reform Initiative, *Contactless Clearance Process* will remain optional, notwithstanding the previously announced April 02, 2024 mandatory implementation date. This adjustment is the result of an Interim Order made in the Supreme Court today (March 28) which directed that no changes be made to the current regime, pending the determination of certain matters that have been placed before the Court.

The Contactless Clearance Process remains an option when clearing personal (non-commercial) shipments at the seaports, with a CIF value of less than US\$5000.00.

The JCA is committed to ensuring that the Contactless Clearance Process is of benefit to all, including Importers, Agents, Warehouse Operators, Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders.

The Agency will continue to review the programme and engage with stakeholders, to ensure that it is implemented in a manner that continues to safeguard the rights of importers, remains consistent with international best practices, and upholds the Agency's mandate with respect to trade facilitation and border protection.

The Agency is aware that there is misinformation in the public domain, regarding the Contactless Clearance Process. Therefore, in the coming weeks, we will continue to share information regarding how the process works, how to access it and its benefits.

For further details our customers may visit <https://www.jacustoms.gov.jm/contactless-clearance>. Customers may also email: contactlessclearance@jca.gov.jm or call 876-922-5140-8. The JCA's Contactless Clearance Process is convenient, efficient and secure.

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