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Fair Trading Commission Hosts Virtual Stakeholder Meeting with Legal Counsel on the Guide to the Fair Trading Act and related matters

The Fair Trading Commission (“the Commission”) recently hosted a virtual meeting with Legal Counsel under the theme of “A Guide to the Fair Trading Act and related matters” on Tuesday 23rd May 2023.

Mr. Bevan Narinesingh, Executive Director of the Commission in his Opening Remarks highlighted the Commissions’ robust advocacy and public education work which has sought to promote a competitive environment for economic activities in Trinidad and Tobago predominantly through the building of relationships with key stakeholders.

He further emphasized the significance of the Fair Trading Act (FTA) and its role in supporting the mandate of the Commission to promote, maintain and protect competition in the local economy. He also noted the importance of the Guide to the FTA in helping to ensure that there is increased clarity and understanding by stakeholders of an extremely complex area of law.

Ms. Krystle Maharaj, the Senior Legal Counsel of the Commission subsequently delivered a comprehensive presentation to spotlight the Guide to the FTA with respect to different facets of the Guide and provided case examples and definitions and spoke about the investigative powers of the Commission. Further, Ms. Maharaj highlighted the Commission’s expectations of Legal Counsel in their interactions with the Commission.

The virtual meeting also served as an opportunity to solicit the views of the participants regarding the upcoming work of the Commission and the current challenges or concerns presently faced relative to interacting with the Commission or in the overall local business environment.

Stakeholders in attendance included representatives from M. Hamel-Smith & Co., Lex Caribbean, Pollonais, Blanc, de la Bastide and Jacelon, Johnson, Camacho & Singh, Pricewaterhouse Coopers Limited, Fitzwilliam, Stone, Furness-Smith & Morgan, Deloitte ,M.G Daly & Partners, J.D Sellier and Co., the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel and the Ministry of Trade and Industry.



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