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IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Addendum

Communication from Saint Lucia

The following Statement under Article 15, paragraph 2 of the Agreement has been received from the delegation of Saint Lucia.

1. Standardization activities in Saint Lucia come under the jurisdiction of the St. Lucia Bureau of Standards which is the National Standards Body. The Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards was established under the Standards Act No. 14 of 1990.

The institution functions under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Consumer Affairs. One of its main functions is to formulate and promote the application of National Standards in all sectors of the economy.

2. The Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards will ensure that in the Standards formulation process, Saint Lucia's Standards fall in line with the relevant international standards as far as possible.

3. Notices of proposed technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are published in the official gazette. Drafts standards are publicized in the Official Gazette and leading newspapers thus allowing time for those interested to comment on the proposed standards.

4. To support the Government of Saint Lucia in the implementation of the Agreement and other WTO Agreements, the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Consumer Affairs has proposed the establishment of a national committee which will require approval by the Cabinet of Ministers.

5. According to the requirements of the Agreement, the Government of Saint Lucia through the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Consumer Affairs has designated the Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards (SLBS) as the national enquiry point and notification body.

6. The address of the enquiry point is as follows:

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