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**NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY COMMITMENTS UNDER
THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM SAINT LUCIA

The following communication, dated 3 September 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Saint Lucia for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 16 September 2015 (WT/PCTF/N/LCA/1), in which Saint Lucia indicated its category A commitments, Saint Lucia hereby makes the following additional notifications in accordance with Articles 15 and 16 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (WT/L/931).

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Definitive date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation (for category C)
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information					
Article 1.1	Publication	B	31 December 2020	29 December 2023	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	B	15 April 2020	14 April 2025	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 December 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of personnel for service delivery. • Setting up guidelines to cover the entire procedure (from receipt of request to the dispatching of the responses to the requesting party). • Development and use of communication templates. • Establishing standards and procedures of quality control, including fixed timelines for answers.
Article 1.4	Notification	B	31 December 2018	29 December 2023	-
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	B	31 July 2020	28 July 2023	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	31 July 2020	28 July 2023	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	28 May 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal drafter for the establishment of a legal or administrative document that addresses this measure. • Technical assistance to develop and administer the system.
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		B	28 April 2023	28 April 2028	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	28 May 2025	To be determined	<p><u>Legal and regulatory assistance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Lucia Animal (National & International Movement & Disease Prevention) Act • Plant Protection Act <p><u>Business process analysis:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up clear areas of responsibility and mechanisms for carrying out related duties and tasks, including confirmatory tests validity across the whole country and process of notification of the component in the exporting country. • Develop and validate a manual on standard operating procedures on import alert/rapid alert, including a proposal for

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					border agency coordination. Disseminate the manual, if possible through a website, the concerned institutions with a view to clarify their respective interventions. <u>Training and capacity building:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training and capacity building for confirmatory testing for products that are the potential subjects of alerts and rapid alerts. Organize seminars for agents on the organization of inspection procedures, for technical staff in the areas of laboratory and laboratory management, rules, practices and equipment use according to international standards. Organize also focused seminars for economic operators.
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	B	31 August 2028	31 August 2033	-
Article 6 Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties					
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	C	31 December 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the Service Charge Act
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	C	31 December 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the Service Charge Act
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	B	30 April 2021	28 April 2023	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	30 April 2021	28 April 2023	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	30 April 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training is required in both risk assessment and risk management to allow for better risk identification, analysis, assessment and treatment.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	B	30 April 2019	28 April 2023	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	28 July 2028	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a legal or administrative document that deals with Average Release Times.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update the legal/regulatory framework to allow for seamless flow of information and coordination among institutions intervening in border-crossing operations. <p><u>Training and capacity building:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training and capacity building to staff/agencies of the concerned agencies and to economic operators on the interpretation of the study results.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	31 December 2020	29 December 2023	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	31 December 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of existing policies, procedures and operations with respect to the management and handling of perishable goods at all ports of entry with a view to updating for the purpose of being aligned with international standards.
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		B	29 December 2023	31 December 2025	-
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		A	-	-	-
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	B	31 December 2020	29 December 2023	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	30 April 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a Diagnostic Assessment of the existence and usage of policies and legislations with regards to Acceptance of Copies across all border and regulatory agencies with a view to updating and developing the appropriate instrument in keeping with international standards.
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	29 December 2023	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and capacity building as well as financial assistance to obtain the necessary IT support.
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	A	-	-	-

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Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	A	-	-	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	B	29 December 2023	31 December 2026	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-