



## Saint Lucia

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2015-12-08**

### Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

|  | Due date                       | Status     |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|
| Notified all category ABC designations   | by 22 February 2017            | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>A</b> - 49.2% <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><b>B</b> - 22.3%</span> <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><b>C</b> - 28.6%</span> | <b>Not yet notified</b> - 0.0% |            |
| Notified indicative dates in <a href="#">Category B</a>  | by 22 February 2017            | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified definitive dates in <a href="#">Category B</a>  | by 22 February 2018            | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified indicative dates in <a href="#">Category C</a>  | by 22 February 2017            | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified definitive dates in <a href="#">Category C</a>  | by 22 August 2019              | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified Technical Assistance requirements   | by 22 February 2017            | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support   | by 22 February 2018            | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support   | by 22 August 2019              | <b>Yes</b> |

## Transparency notifications

|                      |            |   |         |
|----------------------|------------|---|---------|
| Notified Art. 1.4    | Category B | Definitive implementation date 29 December 2023 | Partial |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023 | No      |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category A | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | Yes     |
| Notified Art. 12.2   | Category A | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | Yes     |

## Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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| Notified Art. 22.3 | Yes |
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**Legend:** Yes Notification presented No Notification due No Notification not yet due

| Implementation schedule |  |     | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|-------------------------|--|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.1                     | Publication  | B   | by 31 December 2020            | by 29 December 2023            |
| 1.2                     | Information available through internet             | B   | by 15 April 2020               | by 14 April 2025               |
| 1.3                     | Enquiry points                                     | C E | by 31 December 2018            | by 30 June 2023                |
| 1.4                     | Notification                                       | B   | by 31 December 2018            | by 29 December 2023            |
| 2.1                     | Comments and information before entry into force   | B   | by 31 December 2020            | by 28 July 2023                |
| 2.2                     | Consultations                                      | B   | by 31 December 2020            | by 28 July 2023                |
| 3                       | Advance rulings                                    | C E | by 28 May 2021                 | by 30 June 2024                |
| 4                       | Procedures for appeal or review                    | B   | by 28 April 2023               | by 28 April 2028               |
| 5.1                     | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | C   | by 28 May 2025                 | by 31 December 2025            |
| 5.2                     | Detention  | A   |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 5.3                     | Test procedures                                    | B   | by 31 August 2028              | by 31 August 2033              |
| 6.1                     | General disciplines on fees and charges            | C   | by 31 December 2025            | by 31 December 2030            |
| 6.2                     | Specific disciplines on fees and charges           | C   | by 31 December 2025            | by 31 December 2030            |
| 6.3                     | Penalty Disciplines                                | A   |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 7.1                     | Pre-arrival processing                             | B   | by 30 April 2021               | by 28 April 2023               |
| 7.2                     | Electronic payment                                 | B   | by 30 April 2021               | by 28 April 2023               |
| 7.3                     | Separation of release                              | A   |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 7.4                     | Risk management                                    | C E | by 30 April 2020               | by 30 June 2024                |

| Implementation schedule |  |       | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|-------------------------|--|-------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7.5                     | Post-clearance audit   | B     | by 30 April 2019               | by 28 April 2023               |
| 7.6                     | Average release times  | C     | by 28 July 2028                | by 31 December 2023            |
| 7.7                     | Authorized operators   | C B»C | by 31 December 2020            | by 29 December 2023            |
| 7.8                     | Expedited shipments  | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 7.9                     | Perishable goods   | C     | by 31 December 2025            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 8                       | Border Agency Cooperation                                      | B     | by 29 December 2023            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 9                       | Movement of goods  | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.1                    | Formalities  | B     | by 31 December 2020            | by 29 December 2023            |
| 10.2                    | Acceptance of copies   | C E   | by 30 April 2020               | by 30 June 2024                |
| 10.3                    | Use of international standards                                 | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.4                    | Single window  | C E   | by 29 December 2023            | by 29 June 2025                |
| 10.5                    | Preshipment inspection   | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.6                    | Use of customs brokers   | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.7                    | Common border procedures                                       | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.8                    | Rejected Goods   | B     | by 29 December 2023            | by 31 December 2026            |
| 10.9                    | Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 11                      | Transit  | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 12                      | Customs cooperation  | A     |                                | by 22 February 2017            |

## Legend

|          |                    |           |                             |            |                   |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Notified in Cat. A | <b>Ap</b> | Partially notified in A     |            |                   |
| <b>B</b> | Notified in Cat. B | <b>Bp</b> | Partially notified in B     | <b>C»B</b> | Shift from C to B |
| <b>C</b> | Notified in Cat. C | <b>Cp</b> | Partially notified in C     | <b>B»C</b> | Shift from B to C |
| <b>N</b> | Not yet notified   | <b>E</b>  | Extension of time requested |            |                   |

## Notifications and other documents

| Symbol              | Date       | Description  |
|---------------------|------------|--|
| G/TFA/2/LCA/INF/1   | 2023-11-08 | Report on the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement         |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/4       | 2023-10-13 | Article 22.3   |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/5       | 2023-10-13 | Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/1/Add.4 | 2023-08-23 | Shifting of categories and extension of implementation dates             |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/1/Add.3 | 2022-08-29 | Extension of implementation dates  |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/1/Add.2 | 2021-08-19 | Extension of time request  |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/3       | 2019-12-02 | Article 12.2.2   |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/1/Add.1 | 2019-08-23 | Category C notification - Addendum                                       |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/1       | 2018-09-04 | Categories B and C notification  |
| G/TFA/N/LCA/2       | 2018-09-04 | Notification articles 1.4 and 10.6.2                                     |
| WT/PCTF/N/LCA/1     | 2015-09-16 | Category A notification  |

## Experience Sharing

### Implementation experience - COVID-19

| Date                              | Title       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 20 October 2020 - 22 October 2020 | OECS report |



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**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**

30 June 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- 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.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

**Progress reported**

Saint Lucia was unable to identify or secure a donor to assist with implementation of this measure. In 2022, Saint Lucia made a request to a development partner for assistance to establish its enquiry point system including a request for assistance for another measure, however, at the time of the request, priority was given towards assisting Saint Lucia with the other measure due to the availability of resources.

Using national resources, Saint Lucia implemented an enquiry point system through a helpdesk feature on the Saint Lucia Customs and Excise Department website to deal with enquiries in relation to Article 1.1. of the WTO TFA including other trade and customs related enquiries. The helpdesk feature is accessible via the following link - [www.customs.gov.lc](http://www.customs.gov.lc) / <http://www.customs.gov.lc/contact-us.php>.

Saint Lucia also has a national enquiry point in place, details of which is available on the Customs website which is accessible via the same link as the help desk.

On this basis, Saint Lucia is satisfied that it has met the requirements of this measure.



|              | <b>Indicative date of implementation</b> | <b>Definitive date of implementation</b> |
|--------------|--|--|
| 3.1          |  |  |
| 3.2 (a), (b) | 28 May 2021                              | 30 June 2024                             |
| 3.3          |  |  |
| 3.4          |  |  |
| 3.5          |  |  |

3.6 (a), (b), (c)

**Assistance required for implementation**

3.7

3.8

- 3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d) • Legal drafter for the establishment of a legal or administrative document that addresses this measure.  
 • Technical assistance to develop and administer the system.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

**Donor Agencies:** World Bank

**Progress reported**

The Government of Saint Lucia has been successful in securing assistance from the World Bank Group under its Trade Facilitation Support Programme for technical assistance and capacity building to implement an Advance Ruling Regime for Saint Lucia in accordance with Article 3 'Advance Rulings' of the TFA.

An in-country mission was conducted by a team from the World Bank from 7-10 March 2023 to undertake a needs assessment to determine what Saint Lucia requires to implement an Advance Ruling Regime.

On 21 August 2023, the Saint Lucia Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the development of the legislative, regulatory, administrative and operational framework required for the implementation of an Advance Ruling Regime with the support of the World Bank Group.

Having received Cabinet's endorsement to proceed with the necessary legal reforms, regulatory and administrative work, efforts are continuing towards developing the framework for Saint Lucia's Advance Ruling Regime.

5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d)

**Indicative date of implementation**

28 May 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

Legal and regulatory assistance:

- St. Lucia Animal (National & International Movement & Disease Prevention) Act
- Plant Protection Act

Business process analysis:

- 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 border agency coordination. Disseminate the manual, if possible through a website, the concerned institutions with a view to clarify their respective interventions.

Training and capacity building:

- 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.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*



6.1.1  
6.1.2  
6.1.3  
6.1.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2030

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Review of the Service Charge Act

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*

6.2 (i), (ii)

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2030

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Review of the Service Charge Act

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*

7.4.1  
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7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**  
30 April 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
30 June 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Training is required in both risk assessment and risk management to allow for better risk identification, analysis, assessment and treatment.

**Tags:** *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*

7.6.1  
7.6.2**Indicative date of implementation**

28 July 2028

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Development of a legal or administrative document that deals with Average Release Times.
  - Review and update the legal/regulatory framework to allow for seamless flow of information and coordination among institutions intervening in border-crossing operations.
- Training and capacity building:
- Provide training and capacity building to staff/agencies of the concerned agencies and to economic operators on the interpretation of the study results.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

**Donor Agencies:** Investment Climate Reform Facility

**Progress reported**

In 2022, Saint Lucia received technical assistance under the Investment Climate Reform Facility to develop its Average Time Release Study and was successful in implementing this measure having completed and launched the Time Release Study on 26 January 2023 as part of activities in observance of World Customs Day.

The Time Release Study is accessible via the Ministry of Commerce's website – [www.commerce.gov.lc/](http://www.commerce.gov.lc/) / <https://commerce.gov.lc/resources/index/17/page:3> and the Customs and Excise Department website – [www.customs.gov.lc/](http://www.customs.gov.lc/) / [http://www.customs.gov.lc/TRS\\_2022.pdf](http://www.customs.gov.lc/TRS_2022.pdf)

Saint Lucia is satisfied that it has implemented this measure.



7.9.1 (a), (b)  
7.9.2  
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**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2025

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- 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.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*

10.2.1  
10.2.2  
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**Indicative date of implementation**  
30 April 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
30 June 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- 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.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

10.4.1  
10.4.2  
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**Indicative date of implementation**

29 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Training and capacity building as well as financial assistance to obtain the necessary IT support.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Human resources and training*

**Donor Members:** Canada






**Donor Agencies:** Caribbean Community

**Progress reported**

The Government of Saint Lucia has been successful in securing the services of a Consultant through the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Initiative. This Consultant has been contracted to develop the technical specifications for Saint Lucia's National Electronic Single Window. The technical work in this respect is still ongoing. This information is critical to redefining the scope of the platform to be implemented, costing the project, and in determining the level of external assistance and capacity building support that would be required for the successful implementation of the measure.

Once the technical specifications have been developed, Saint Lucia intends to approach development partners for technical assistance and capacity building including financial support to obtain the necessary IT system notified as a requirement for implementation of this measure.

**Legend**

|   |                            |   |                                    |   |                             |
|---|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|  | Notified in Cat. C         |  | Partially notified in C            |  | Extension of time requested |
|  | Donor arrangement notified |  | Donor arrangement not yet notified |   |                             |