



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	Yes
A - 49.2%	B - 22.3%	C - 28.6%	Not yet notified - 0.0%		
Notified indicative dates in Category B				by 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category B				by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified indicative dates in Category C				by 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category C				by 22 August 2019	Yes
Notified Technical Assistance requirements				by 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support				by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support				by 22 August 2019	Yes

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 30 December 2026	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

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 E	by 31 December 2020	by 29 December 2026
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 30 December 2026
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

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

Notifications and other documents

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/LCA/1/Add.5	2025-03-04	Extension of implementation dates
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

1.3 Enquiry points



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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/contact-us.php](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.



3.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
3.2 (a), (b)	28 May 2021	30 June 2024

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

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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*

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Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025	31 December 2030

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		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of the Service Charge Act		
Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		

7.4.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.4.2	30 April 2020	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*

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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

Saint Lucia is satisfied that it has implemented this measure.

7.7.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)	31 December 2020	29 December 2026
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)		
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7.7.6	Assistance required for implementation	
	<p>The legislative and regulatory framework has to be further developed to take into account new processes and procedures, as well as the need for mutual recognition agreements. External assistance is also required to: (i) build the capacity of customs officials; and (ii) to develop awareness programmes aimed at enhancing the cooperation of potential operators in the sharing of confidential information critical to the process, and to ultimately improve the uptake of the programme.</p>	
	<p>Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising</i></p>	
	<p>Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.</p>	

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Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025	31 December 2025

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*



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Indicative date of implementation
30 April 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2024

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*

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Indicative date of implementation

29 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

30 December 2026

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		