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SAINT LUCIA

Draft converted Schedule of Specific Commitments¹

Attached is a draft converted version of the Schedule of Specific Commitments of Saint Lucia in word format. This document does not substitute for the legally binding commitments undertaken by Saint Lucia in its Schedule of Specific Commitments (GATS/SC/73).

The draft converted version of the Schedule was prepared by the Secretariat, at the request of Members, to facilitate the process of negotiations, including the presentation of initial offers.

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SAINT LUCIA – SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

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Sector or Subsector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS			
ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE	<p>3) Commercial presence requires that foreign service providers incorporate or establish the business locally in accordance with the requirements of St. Lucia's Commercial Code, and where so required, be subject to relevant Acts pertaining to property acquisition, lease and rental and any operating condition that maybe the subject of existing laws and regulations. Some of these are as follows:</p> <p><u>Registration of Commercial Presence:</u> St. Lucia's Commercial Code requires that all Companies be registered</p> <p><u>Aliens Landholding:</u> The Alien Landholding Act requires foreign companies and individuals wishing to hold property in St. Lucia to first obtain a licence in order to do so, within which conditions of purchase are detailed.</p> <p><u>Reservation of Small Business Opportunities:</u> St. Lucia reserves a number of small business service opportunities for nationals. The room limitation on Hotel and Resort Development is within the context of this policy.</p>		

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	<p>4) The entry of all foreign natural persons to St. Lucia and their residence in St. Lucia is regulated by St. Lucia's immigration laws</p> <p>The employment of foreign natural persons is subject to Work Permit regulations. The issue of permits is normally confined to persons with specialized managerial and technical skills and the administration of the regime is normally guided by a labour market test.</p> <p>Professionals in certain disciplines may be required to register with the appropriate professional or governmental body. For example, all medical practitioners must be registered under the Medical Registration Act in order to be permitted to legally practise in St. Lucia.</p>		
II. SECTOR-SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS			
<p>7. FINANCIAL SERVICES</p> <p>A. <u>All Insurance and Insurance-tabled Services</u></p> <p>c) Reinsurance (CPC 81299)</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) Only corporate entities are allowed to conduct insurance business in St. Lucia. All such entities must first be registered by the Registrar of Insurance</p> <p>4) Subject to horizontal limitations concerning Work Permit Regulations</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) None</p>	

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8. HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES			
A. <u>Hospital Services</u> (CPC 9311)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Subject to horizontal limitations concerning Work Permit Regulations, and Medical Registration and Certification, Medical Officers Ordinance	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) None	
9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES			
<u>Hotel and Resort Development and Operation (incl. hotel restaurant services)</u> (CPC 5126, 641, 642)	1) None 2) None 3) Hotel and Resort Development and Operation in excess of 100 rooms 4) Limited to managerial and specialist levels, subject to horizontal limitations concerning Work Permit Regulations	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) None	
10. RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES			
A. <u>Entertainment Services</u> (CPC 9619)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Subject to horizontal limitations concerning Work Permit Regulations	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) None	
D. <u>Sporting Services</u> (CPC 964)	1) None 2) None 3) Unbound 4) Subject to horizontal limitations concerning Work Permit Regulations	1) None 2) None 3) Unbound 4) None	

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11. TRANSPORT SERVICES			
A. <u>Maritime Transport Services</u>			
a) International passenger and freight transportation services (CPC 7211, 7212)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Subject to horizontal limitations concerning Work Permit Regulations	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) None	
H. <u>Services Auxiliary to all Modes of Transport</u>			
d) Trans-shipment services (CPC 749)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Subject to horizontal limitations concerning Work Permit Regulations	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) None	
d) Free Zone Operations	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Subject to horizontal limitations concerning Work Permit Regulations	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) None	