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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SAINT LUCIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Tobacco Products
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> SLNS 27: 2016 Specification for Labelling of Tobacco products, (CRS, 26: 2013, MOD) (44 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This standard applies to the labelling of individual packages and cartons of tobacco products intended for retail sale in Saint Lucia. This standard specifies the information, the method of display of such information, the wording and presentation of health warnings to be included on the labels of retail packages of tobacco products intended to be sold in Saint Lucia.  This standard does not apply to labelling of cases of such individual packages or cartons, irrespective of sizes, provided the cases are not displayed or used at the point of sale.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer information, labelling; The revised specification is a modification of CARICOM Regional Standard CRS 26: 2013 Labelling of Tobacco Products, that incorporates advancements in requirements for labelling of tobacco products in Saint Lucia regarding rotation of Graphic Health Warnings. This standard is also in compliance with the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).  The original standard SLNS 27: 1992 Specification for labelling of retail packages for cigarettes was revised and updated based on systematic review requirements for older standards and advancements in product industry. This standard was first adopted in 1992 and declared mandatory through Statutory Instrument Statutory Instrument No. 230 of 2000 as part of the Standards regulations  The scope of this edition was also increased to include not only cigarettes but all tobacco products intended for retail in Saint Lucia.  This standard aims to prevent fraud and/or deception arising from misleading labelling of individual packages of tobacco products intended for retail sale in Saint Lucia.

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<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Standards Act Cap. 13.25,</li><li>CARICOM Regional Standard CRS 26: 2013 Labelling of Tobacco Products</li></ul>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Adopted March 2016 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 31 July 2017
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> Already adopted
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards Bisee Industrial Estate, Castries 1-758-456-0102/453-0049 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@slbs.org">info@slbs.org</a>