

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SAINT LUCIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Spices and sauces
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: SLNS 21: 1995 – Specification for Spices and Sauces (35 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: This standard prescribes requirements for the identity, composition, purity, hygiene in processing, labelling, sampling and testing of several of the spices and sauces that are produced or traded within Saint Lucia. This standard does not apply to: (a) Ketchups, barbeque – flavour sauces; (b) spices derived from plants not included in this standard; (c) sauces made from recipes or formulae not included in this standard; (d) vinegars flavoured with spices or plant materials, extracts; or (e) essential oils, extracts or oleo-resins derived from spices that are intended to be used as flavouring or colouring agents in food.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To set levels of quality, purity and acceptability for several spices and sauces that are produced or traded within Saint Lucia.

8. Relevant documents: In preparing this standard assistance has been derived from the following sources:

- (a) Canada: The Food and Drugs Regulations, Division 7;
- (b) Guyana: Guyana Standard GS 30-1990, "Curry Powder";
- (c) India: Various Indian Standards (IS) on spices and related test methods;
- (d) Jamaica: The processed Food Regulation, Sauces;
- (e) Malaysia: Malaysian Standard MS 532-1985, "Red Chilli Sauce";
- (f) United Kingdom: British Standard BS 7087, "Herbs and Spices Ready for Food Use";
- (g) International Organisation for Standardisation: Various ISO standards on spices and condiments and related test methods;
- (h) Association of Official Analytical Chemists: Test methods for spices;
- (i) Tropical Products Institute: Publication on international trade in chillies, ginger, nutmeg;
- (j) C. E. Seaforth: "Natural Products in Caribbean Folk Medicine", University of the West Indies, (1998);
- (k) K. Mahabir: "Medical and Edible Plants Used by East Indians in Trinidad and Tobago", Chakra Publishing, Trinidad, 1991;
- (l) J. W. Purseglove "Tropical crops: Dicotyledons", Longman, UK, 1984.

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11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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