NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Saint Lucia  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards  **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:** |
| **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):** Packaging and distribution of goods in general (ICS 55.020). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** SLNS 1-2:2018 Specification for labeling of commodities - Part 2: Labelling of prepackaged goods (CRS 66: 2016, MOD) (18 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard specifies requirements for the information to be included on labels of goods pre-packaged for sale, the method of display of such information, and where necessary, the wording and units of measurements to be used.  This standard does not apply to the following:  a) goods that are sold unpackaged, or in an open or uncovered package;  b) goods that are weighed, measured or counted in the presence of the purchaser with or without being packaged;  c) goods in packages not intended for retail sale;  d) goods or classes of goods where different or additional information is prescribed by any National Standard;  e) goods intended for export only which comply with the requirements of standards or laws on labelling in force in the country to which they are being exported;  f) gift-wrapped goods;  g) markings on shipping containers; and  h) goods in commercial quantities that are not for retail sale. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; This national standard is a revision of SLNS 1-2: 1993 Specification for the labelling of commodities - Part 2 - Labelling of pre‑packaged goods. This revised version of the standard is a modification of CARICOM Regional Standard CRS 55-2: 2016 Labelling of goods - Part: 2 Specific requirements for pre-packaged goods. This second edition was adopted by the Standards Council on 30 May 2018.  This revised standard provides information on the requirements for display of hazard warnings and use of standard marks on goods.  This standard has been prepared to prevent fraud and deception arising from misleading labelling and to give adequate information to the consumer or user of pre-packaged goods.  It is expected that this standard will minimize the confusion that exists in the labelling of different classes of articles that are customarily sold with to little information. This standard has been prepared to lay down the basic requirements and basic information that labels should carry.  This standard will assist the purchaser or consumer towards an understanding of the nature, quality or use of the goods so that he may judge whether it is adequate for his needs and is of a quality or usefulness for which he judges the price to be acceptable.  It is hoped that this standard will also assist Saint Lucian manufacturers in meeting the requirements of regional and extra-regional markets. It is vital for local manufacturers to pay particular attention to labelling requirements of other countries where certain mandatory information may be required and where certain claims made on goods may be illegal.  Specification for the labelling of commodities Part 1: General Principles, product specific supplementary specifications for particular goods or groups of goods, as well as the labelling clauses in product standards, shall be read in conjunction with this standard.  Annex A is informative and lists the modifications made within this standard. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Standards Act Cap. 13.25, * SLNS 1-2: 2018 Specification for labeling of commodities - Part 2: Labelling of prepackaged goods (CRS 66: 2016, MOD) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** On a date to be determined by the Minister with responsibility for standards matters in Saint Lucia  **Proposed date of entry into force:** On a date to be determined by the Minister with responsibility for standards matters in Saint Lucia |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 29 September 2018 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards Bisee Industrial Estate, Castries 1-758-456-0102/ 453-0049 E-mail: [info@slbs.org](mailto:info@slbs.org) |