

RULES AND GUIDELINES

ABOUT SEALED-BID AUCTIONS

In a sealed-bid auction, each bidder submits a bid in an envelope. Bidders have no knowledge of what the other has proposed for the item in question. The envelopes are opened simultaneously, and the highest bidder wins the item and pays his or her bid.

In a sealed-bid auction, bidders can only submit one sealed bid per item and therefore cannot adjust their bids based on competing bids. Each person delivering a sealed bid to the Customs Department will be required to sign a register indicating the date and time the envelope was received.



A committee of not less than three (3) persons will witness the unsealing of the bids. That committee will include persons from the following institutions:

- Customs & Excise Department Saint Lucia;
- Saint Lucia Ministry of Finance;
- Justice of the Peace, Saint Lucia.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. Offers must be submitted in **sealed envelopes** to the Customs Main Office located in the Maher Building, Boulevard, Castries, Saint Lucia. Each sealed envelope must be addressed as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">CUSTOMS SEALED BID AUCTION</p> <p>The Comptroller Customs and Excise Department Maher Building, Boulevard Castries Saint Lucia</p>	A simple line drawing of an envelope with its flap pointing downwards, centered within the right-hand box of the form.
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2. Offers will only be accepted if provided on the specified "SEALED BID FORM". Verbal offers will not be considered.
3. Bids must be quoted in both words and figures; where there is a discrepancy the amount quoted in words alone will be taken into account and accepted on record.
4. Bids close on the time and date advertised and specified on this SEALED BID FORM.
5. Only the most economically advantageous bids will be accepted.
6. The Comptroller of Customs reserves the right to withdraw any item from the sale at any time during the process.
7. The Comptroller does not guarantee the condition of the goods being offered in any way. Goods are sold "as-is" on non-returnable basis without refund or warranty.
8. Registered bidders will be allowed to examine the goods being offered before the closing date.
9. Subject to the provisions of Section 134(4) of the Customs Act, the following persons shall not be permitted to bid at this auction —
 - A Customs officer;

- any person having or having had any interest in the thing being auctioned (*e.g. the importers /owners of said thing; or agents /representatives of the importers/owners*),
10. The successful bidder must undertake to pay the sum offered and to remove the goods from the Customs Warehouse within seven (7) working days from the date of notification of the successful bid. If additional time is required, a deposit representing 30% of the winning bid must be paid. The Comptroller will then allow a supplementary seven (7) days for the payment of the balance due and the removal of the goods. All arrangements and costs for removal of the property are the responsibility of the winning bidder.
 11. Vehicles will be delivered only after full re-registration in the name of the winning bidder.
 12. In the event of a dispute as to the amount of the bid, the item(s), or item numbers(s), the Comptroller of Customs & Excise Saint Lucia reserves the right to re-offer the goods.

NOTICE

- i. Viewing and inspection days are December 8 and 9, 2022; 9:00am to 12:00pm on the Castries port. Visit, www.customs.gov.lc (Auctions) for more information.
- ii. Images of all goods advertised for sale will be displayed on the **Customs & Excise Department Saint Lucia** website, www.customs.gov.lc .
- iii. December 19, 2022, all bids will be reviewed and the highest bidder for each lot will be notified by phone and/or email. If the winning buyer doesn't answer three phone calls, responds to a text or email within 48hrs from the Customs & Excise Department St. Lucia with respect to his/her successful bid, or is not reachable, the next winner is notified.