

GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CUSTOMS & EXCISE DEPARTMENT

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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDANCE AT IMPORTERS' PREMISES

The Customs and Excise Department is cognizant of the precautionary measures that must be taken to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. These measures have been articulated by the Government of Saint Lucia to ensure the safety of all citizens.

We do recognize our duties include visits to your Private Warehouses on occasions and therefore take this opportunity to refer you to the Government published protocols for companies. These established protocols can be found on the government's official COVID-19 information portal: https://covid19response.lc/p/reopening-saint-lucia and will be observed by Officers deployed to serve you at your Private warehouses.

Adhering to the established protocols cannot be overstated as we firmly believe in safety foremost in curbing the potential transmission of COVID-19. More importantly, it must be stated that the **health and safety** of our staff remains a priority for the Department and will not be compromised.

The Department therefore wishes to inform all stakeholders that in keeping with the established protocols for COVID-19, particularly as it relates to social distancing, Officers attending to customs operations at **private premises** will be observing the said protocols and encourages all businesses to familiarize themselves with the requirements as we continue to serve you.

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