



GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS & EXCISE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE
NO. 02 of 2015

TO: ALL IMPORTERS and BROKERS

Customs Electronic Release Order


As the Customs Department work towards improving our service delivery and facilitating trade, we have found it necessary to institute an electronic authorisation for the release of cargo to the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA).

In that regard the Customs Department is piloting an electronic release order to SLASPA which will facilitate speedier and paperless information transmission in respect of cargo release.

The pilot will be with respect to cargo cleared from the Castries port and will run from July 1st to September 30th 2015. Given the success of this pilot it will be rolled out throughout the other landing stations.

Importers clearing goods at port Castries are therefore informed that the usual paper release order (Exit Note) will continue until July 31st along with a simultaneous electronic release to SLASPA. From the 1st August 2015 only the electronic release will be processed. Importers will then be required to provide SLASPA with the Customs payment receipt for the consignment in question in order to allow a gate pass to be prepared. For goods cleared via Customs Bond or otherwise the reference number given to the transaction should be given to SLASPA so as to identify the electronic release.

Please be informed accordingly.


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Comptroller of Customs
1st July 2015

