



GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS & EXCISE DEPARTMENT

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Implementation of the Digital Customs Vehicle Release Verification Service

The Saint Lucia Customs and Excise Department is pleased to announce the implementation of the **Digital Customs Vehicle Release Verification Service**, effective **Monday 4 May, 2026**. This digital initiative represents a key milestone in the Department's ongoing efforts to modernize customs operations and enhance trade facilitation.

Key Changes

1. Automated Verification Process

- Vehicle information and release status will be **automatically extracted** from data submitted in the Single Administrative Document (SAD).
- The following paper-based vehicle release verification forms will be discontinued, eliminating the need for manual submissions:
 1. Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Duty Paid Transport Board Registration
 2. Vehicle Duty Paid Transport Board Registration
 3. Vehicle Duty Free Concession Transport Board Registration
 4. Change of Ownership of Vehicle

2. Seamless Integration

- The system is fully integrated with existing customs declaration processes, enabling a more efficient and streamlined vehicle registration experience.

3. Contingency Measures

- In the event of system unavailability, temporary alternative verification procedures will be communicated to stakeholders.

Benefits

✓ **Reduced Processing Time** – Faster clearance and registration of imported vehicles.

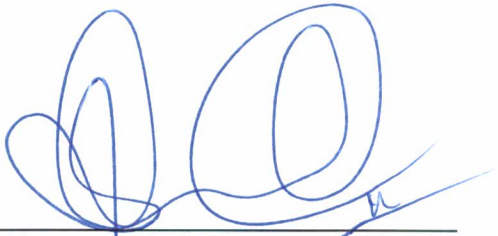
✓ **Paperless Transactions** – Elimination of manual forms and physical submissions.

✓ **Improved Data Accuracy** – Direct use of verified customs declaration data.

✓ **Enhanced Service Delivery** – A more efficient and user-friendly experience for stakeholders.

This initiative underscores the Department's commitment to leveraging technology to improve service delivery, strengthen transparency, and align with international best practices.

Members of the public who require further information are encouraged to contact the Customs and Excise Department via email helpdesk@customs.gov.lc.



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