

SAINT LUCIA

No. 21 of 2014

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PEARLETTE LOUISY,
Governor-General.

December 8, 2014.

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AN ACT to amend the Immigration Ordinance, Cap. 76 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia, 1957.

[22nd December, 2014]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly and the Senate of Saint Lucia, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Immigration (Amendment) Act, 2014.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, ‘principal Act’ means the Immigration Ordinance, Cap. 76 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia 1957.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following definitions in the correct alphabetical sequence –

“‘citizen of a Protocol Member State’ –

- (a) means a person, other than a citizen of Saint Lucia, who is a citizen of a member state of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States that is a party to the Protocol of the Eastern Caribbean Economic Union;
- (b) does not apply to a person who becomes a citizen of a Protocol Member State under an economic or honorary citizenship programme of that Protocol Member State, unless that programme is comparable to an economic or honorary citizenship programme in force in Saint Lucia and approved as such by the Minister responsible for external affairs;

‘Protocol of the Eastern Caribbean Economic Union’ means the Protocol of the Eastern Caribbean Economic Union to the Treaty of Basseterre establishing the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Economic Union;

‘Treaty of Basseterre establishing the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Economic Union’ means the Treaty of Basseterre establishing the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Economic Union done at Castries on the 18th June 2010;”.

Amendment of section 6

4. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by repealing section 6 and inserting the following -

No. 21] *Immigration (Amendment) Act* [2014.

“6 (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Minister may, for reasons of national security, public health or disaster or emergency or other reasonable cause prohibit the entry of any person who is not a citizen of Saint Lucia.

(2) Subject to subsection (1) a citizen of a Protocol Member State shall be entitled to enter or remain for a stay of indefinite duration in Saint Lucia, except where such person is a prohibited immigrant or for reasons of national security.”.

Amendment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following –

“(1) Except for a citizen of the United States of America, the Republic of France, Canada or a Protocol Member State who may use his or her valid national identification card or driver’s licence of such State for entry into Saint Lucia, any person who enters Saint Lucia without his or her valid passport shall be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant unless he or she establishes his or her identity and national status to the satisfaction of the immigration officer.”.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 28th day of October, 2014.

PETER I. FOSTER,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this 6th day of November, 2014.

CLAUDIUS J. FRANCIS,
President of the Senate.