EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Schedule to this Order contains an agreement ("the Agreement") dealing with the exchange of information for tax purposes between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Saint Lucia. This Order brings the Agreement into effect.

Article 1 provides for citation.

Article 2 makes a declaration as to the effect and content of the Agreement.

The Agreement provides for the exchange of information foreseeably relevant to the administration or enforcement of the taxes covered by the Agreement by the revenue authorities of the two countries. Information will be exchanged in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

The Agreement will enter into force on the date of the later of the notifications by each country of the completion of its legislative procedures. It will take effect as follows:

- (a) in respect of requests relating to criminal tax matters, on the date of entry into force; and
- (b) for all other requests, on that date, but only in relation to taxable periods beginning on or after the date of entry into force, or where there is no taxable period, for all charges to tax arising on or after that date.

The date of entry into force will, in due course, be published in the *London, Edinburgh* and *Belfast Gazettes*.

A full and final Impact Assessment has not been produced for this Order as a negligible impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.