



**GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA**  
**Ministry of Commerce, International Trade,**  
**Investment, Enterprise Development and Consumer Affairs**

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Should be addressed to:*

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*THE PERMANENT SECRETARY*

**May 22, 2020**

**TENDER NOTICE  
TO ALL AGENTS AND SUPPLIERS**

**TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF RAW (BROWN) CANE SUGAR  
TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA**

The Government of Saint Lucia through the Ministry of Commerce, International Trade, Investment, Enterprise Development and Consumer Affairs is inviting tenders for the supply of Raw (Brown) Cane Sugar, for the period October 2020 to September 2021.

**1. Product Description**

Brown sugar shall be partially purified sucrose, which is crystallized from partially purified cane juice, without further purification, but which does not preclude centrifugation or drying and which is characterized by sucrose crystals covered with a film of cane molasses.

**2. QUANTITY**

Four thousand (4,000) metric tons or a part thereof, to be shipped over a twelve (12) month period, in quantities to be agreed between the contracting parties.

**3. QUALITY**

The Brown Sugar shall be in keeping with the Saint Lucia's Specifications for Brown Sugar in accordance with SLNS 123:2014.

#### 4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

<b>COMPOSITION AND QUALITY OF FACTORS</b>	<b>BROWN SUGAR</b>
Sulphated Ash (% m/m)	not exceed 0.5
Conductivity Ash (% m/m)	not exceed 0.04
Invert Sugar Content (% m/m)	N/A
Loss on Drying (% m/m)	not exceed 0.7
Colour (ICUMSA Units)	not exceed 3000
Pol (° Z)	not be less than 98.0
Foreign matter (ppm)	500
Heavy Metals (ppm or mg/kg) :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arsenic</li> <li>• Copper</li> <li>• Lead</li> </ul>	1 2 2
Taste and Odour	Free from objectionable taste or odour
Sedimentation	Free
Microbial :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mesophilic Bacteria</li> <li>• Yeast</li> <li>• Mould Shall</li> </ul>	Not be more than 100 CFU/10g Not be more than 10 CFU/10g Not be more than 10 CFU/10g

1. Not more than 10% by weight of grains shall be retained on US Standard No. 12 sieve and not more than 10% shall pass through US Standard No. 35 sieve.
2. The finished product shall not contain lumps larger than 1.27 cm (0.5 inches) in their greatest diameter that cannot be broken on light finger pressure, and must be fit for direct human consumption.
3. Sugar shall be graded in accordance with international specifications.

#### 5. LABELLING

Must be properly labelled in the English Language in accordance with the Saint Lucia Standards Specification for the Labelling of Commodities.

- a. SLNS 18Pt 1 – Specification for Labelling of Commodities – General Requirements;
- b. SLNS 18Pt 3 – Labelling of Commodities – Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods;

## **6. QUALITY ASSURANCE**

1. Each shipment should be accompanied by a **Certificate of Compliance**.
2. A **Certificate of Product** test results in conformity with the specifications stipulated in the tender notice must be submitted annually.
3. A **Microbiological Test Report** issued by a third party laboratory or a test laboratory within certified facilities must accompany each shipment.

## **7. PACKAGING**

Brown Sugar must be packed in only packaging materials which are not likely to impair the organoleptic or chemical characteristics of the product or make them harmful to health. The materials used for packaging and the contents should be mutually compatible.

**Note:** Consideration should be given to international legislation on materials designed to come into contact with food. In particular attention should be paid to clause on Finished Products of SLCP 1.

## **8. WEIGHT**

The net content shall not be less than 25 lbs. but shall not exceed 110 lbs.

## **9. TRANSPORTATION**

Brown Sugar shall be shipped, sealed, containerized in vessels suitable for transporting food stuff for human consumption.

## **10. INSURANCE**

A copy of insurance certificate must be submitted with each shipment for settlement of lawful claims.

## **11. PAYMENT TERMS**

Sixty (60) to Ninety (90) days at sight.

All quotations (C.I.F) and credit facilities must be forwarded to the Secretary, Central Tenders Board, Department of Finance, to reach no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020**.

All quotations are binding for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of closure of the Tender Notice.

Tenders must be submitted and clearly marked "**Confidential - Tenders for Raw (Brown) Cane Sugar**" :

1) In sealed envelopes and sent to:

*The Secretary  
Central Tenders Board  
Ministry of Finance  
Financial Centre  
Pointe Seraphine  
Castries  
SAINT LUCIA*


**OR**

2) Via a secured email address to Central Tender Boards:  
[saintluciactbprocurement@govt.lc](mailto:saintluciactbprocurement@govt.lc)

**Tenders must cover all requirements listed above.**

**Faxed Tenders will not be considered.**

**THE MINISTRY DOES NOT BIND ITSELF TO THE LOWEST OR ANY TENDER.**



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**SOPHIA M. HENRY**  
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