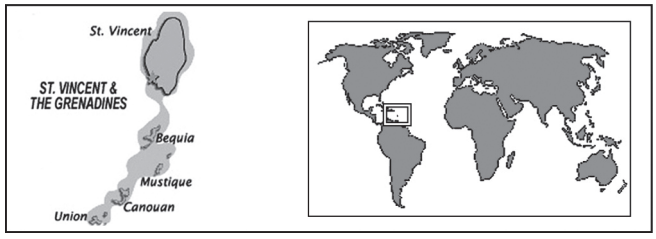
St. Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)

Amounts shown are expressed in East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : Kingstown
- Local Time : GMT - 4
- Daylight Saving Time : St. Vincent and the Grenadines does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 748
- Local Currency : East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
14 Mar 2015
03 Apr 2015
06 Apr 2015
04 May 2015
25 May 2015
06 Jul 2015
07 Jul 2015
03 Aug 2015
27 Oct 2015
25 Dec 2015
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- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)
  3. Montreal Convention MC99 (1999)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **E.T Joshua (St. Vincent) - SVD**
  Tel.: +1 784 458 4560
  Fax: +1 784 456 1851
- **J.F Mitchell (Bequia) - BQU**
  Tel: +1 784 457 3044
  Fax: +1 784 458 3431
- **Canouan Airport (Canouan) - CIW**
  Tel.: +1 784 482 0078
  Fax: +1 784 482 0400
- **Union Island Airport (Union Island) - UNI**
  Tel.: +1 784 458 8360
  Fax: +1 784 485 8192
- **Mustique Airport (Mustique) - MQS**
  Tel.: +1 784 488 8410
  Fax: +1 784 488 8940

  E-mail: customs@vincysurf.com
  Website: N/A

1.2. Airport Facilities
Customs Baggage / Arrival area.

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
Manual.

1.2.2. Storage
Temporary holding facility at E.T Joshua for courier packages (fedex, DHL, UPS & Quick Pack). Uncleared goods are stored at the airport for a period 7 days after which they are transferred to the Air Cargo Warehouse in Kingstown.

1.2.3. Clearance
Courier packages from DHL and Fex-EX are cleared by the consignee or his or her agent/broker at the courier section/ arrival area at the ET. Joshua Airport. Packages by other courier service providers can be cleared at Customs Kingstown. Port Health, Veterinarian and Plant Quarantine services are available between 8am - 4pm Monday through Friday and other pre-arranged hours and other emergency consignments.

1.2.4. Customs hours
The airport opens daily from 5am - 10pm. After 10pm overtime is paid to the officers. Courier service is offered Monday through Friday 8am - 4pm and Saturday 8am - 12pm. Clearance outside Customs hours possible for all goods against payment of overtime fee.

1.2.5. Delivery
See 1.2.3.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Any.

2.1.2. Marking
Marks & Numbers on packages must be in agreement documentation presented by importers.

2.1.4. Language on documents
English.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments
3 Commercial Invoices, Certificate of Origin, Import License (except for consignments from Sterling Areas), Customs Entry, bill of landing/ airway bill, insurance certificate. Deposit 11/2 times the duty of the samples, or enter into a bond.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
If imported as cargo it is the same as 2.2.1. A traders License is also required. If imported by land a written declaration from the supplier declaring the goods as samples.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
See 2.2.2.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
A baggage receipt from the airport agent.

2.2.5. Other consignments
A declaration of Value (Non commercial consignments).

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.1. General
Restricted imports are detailed in the 3rd Schedule of CAP 422 of the Laws of SVG 2009.

2.3.2. Live animals
Import permit must be issued by the Veterinary Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture of SVG prior to import.
All animals must be imported only from prescribed countries, the relevant authorities of which must issue a certificate and this must specify the country of origin. On arrival, animal must be accompanied by a Health Certificate sign by a government Veterinary authority in the country of departure. Animals must be treated for external parasites. Importer must give 48 hours notice before arrival.

Live animals may be imported only from Anguilla, Antigua, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, Dominica, Australia, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Canada, Grenada, Guyana.

The importation of all birds with the exception of chicks and poultry is not allowed by the Animal protection and Production Division of the Ministry of Agriculture.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material
All plant and plant material must be accompanied by a Health Certificate. Prior to importation an Import Permit must be issued from The Plant Quarantine Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture. All plant material must be accompanied by a Certificate of Plant Inspection from the place of shipment and be free of trash and soil (applies also to containers).

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Arms and ammunition are restricted imports A written permission is required from the Commissioner of Police prior to importation. Importation of such are received by the Preventive Branch, inspected, recorded and hand over to the police. The goods are kept in the custody of the police until a duty paid entry is produced to the commissioner for delivery.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
Narcotics and drugs are prohibited imports.

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2.3.6. Human remains
(Not cremated):
48 hours advance notification of import by agent/funeral home. Agent presents Customs Declaration to Customs Officer on duty. Documents required for Port Health Officer: transit certificate, cause of death certificate, embalmer certificate and declaration by health authorities in the area of death related to the absence of an infectious disease. Examination of casket is done at the airport and examination of human remain is done at the funeral home.
(Cremated)
The remains must be enclosed in an urn or in another receptacle with a lid that is cemented or sealed. The receptacle must be wrapped with packaging material. The bearer of the package must have a death certificate and a certificate of cremation issued by the appropriate authority which must be enclosed in an envelope and attached to the receptacle.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
Medical/ Pharmaceutical drugs are required to follow the general clearance procedure.

2.3.9. Animal products
Veterinary Health Certificate from exporting country is required along wit a license from the Ministry of Trade.

2.3.10. Meat and meat products
See 2.3.9.

2.3.11. Tobacco and tobacco products
See 2.3.3.

2.3.12. Foodstuffs
See 2.3.3., 2.3.9. & 2.3.10. Some food items require a license from the ministry of Trade. These are detailed in the Statutory Rules and Regulations of SVG.

2.4. Prohibitions
All prohibitions are detailed in the 3rd Schedule of CAP 422 of the Laws of SVG 2009 Counterfeit coins, food unfit for human consumption, narcotic, and narcotic paraphernalia, indecent obscene publications, matches containing phosphorus, pistols, fictitious stamps, flick knives, articles or publications associated with obeah, black magic and the like, certain plants, parts of plants, seeds and fruits. Fireworks, jet skis, military style camouflage material or uniforms.

2.5. Charges

2.5.1. General
(All charges in local currency).
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2.5.6. Storage
Customs warehouse rent is charged on goods transferred to a Customs warehouse after 14 days of storage in a transit shed or after 7 days of free storage in a Customs warehouse. Goods may be warehoused for up to a period of 2 months after which it would be place up for auction.

- Warehouse Rent
  - First month, per cubic feet 1.90
  - After the first month, per cubic feet 3.25
- 40 ft Container
  - Up to 10 days 200.00
  - 11 to 20 days 250.00
  - Over 20 days 300.00
- 20 ft Container
  - Up to 10 days 100.00
  - 11 to 20 days 125.00
  - Over 20 days 150.00
- 10 ft Container
  - Up to 10 days 50.00
  - 11 to 20 days 60.00
  - Over 20 days 75.00

2.5.9. Taxes and Duties
Import Duty rates are detailed in the CET -Act #25 of 2008 and are applicable to all imports from outside the Caribbean Common Market. Excise Tax rates are scheduled in Act …. of …. 200 Value Added Tax is charged at a rate of 15%. Customs Service Charge is 4% and is charged on all imports. An environmental Levy of .50 cents per bottle or can is chargeable on imports of non- alcoholic beverages and water.

TV License, per unit 100.00
Container Surtax
- 40ft. 125.00
- 20ft. 100.00
- 10ft. 60.00

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General
Procedure for all transshipments are detailed in the Statutory Rules and Regulations # of 200.

3.2. Documentary Requirements
See 2.2.

3.3. Restrictions
See 2.3.

3.4. Prohibitions
See 2.4.

3.5. Charges
See 2.5.

3.5.5. Transshipment
Are charged per shipment 4% of total value.

3.5.6. Storage
Penalty rent.
Consignees who for any reason leave their consignments in the Transit-Shed beyond 5 days after arrival shall be charged for its Storage. Up to a maximum of 14 days, after which it would be transferred to the Customs warehouse and charged Customs Service Charge upon transshipment.

3.5.9. Taxes and duties
No duties or taxes payable. A Customs Service Charge of 4% is chargeable on the value of the consignment.

4. Export

4.1. General
See 2.1.

4.2. Documentary Requirements
See 2.2.

4.3. Restrictions
See 2.3.

4.4. Prohibitions
See 2.4.

4.5. Charges

4.5.9 Taxes and Duties
No export duties or taxes.

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