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Preface

The EC–CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement (the Agreement) is the first comprehensive and reciprocal trade agreement the European Communities has concluded with the ACP (African, Caribbean, and Pacific) nations. The comprehensive Agreement includes full commitments from both Parties on trade in services and investment.

The International Trade Centre (ITC) has prepared a two-part Business Guide to inform the business community of the key features of the services and investment commitments within the Agreement. Volume I covers the European market access openings for Caribbean business on a sector-by-sector basis. Volume II covers the CARIFORUM commitments on a country-by-country basis.

The Guide is addressed primarily to business enterprises, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), in the Caribbean and to European businesses seeking trade in services or investment opportunities in the Caribbean. It is user-friendly and assumes no prior knowledge of the Agreement on the part of reader. However, while the trade commitments have been explained in a manner that is easy to understand, care has been taken to ensure that the Guide accurately reflects the commitments in the Agreement.

The Guide will assist businesses to identify new export and investment opportunities for services on a practical business level, thereby maximizing the benefits that businesses can derive from the Economic Partnership Agreement.

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