



# Understanding Protocol Agreements

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## WHAT IS A TRADE PROTOCOL?

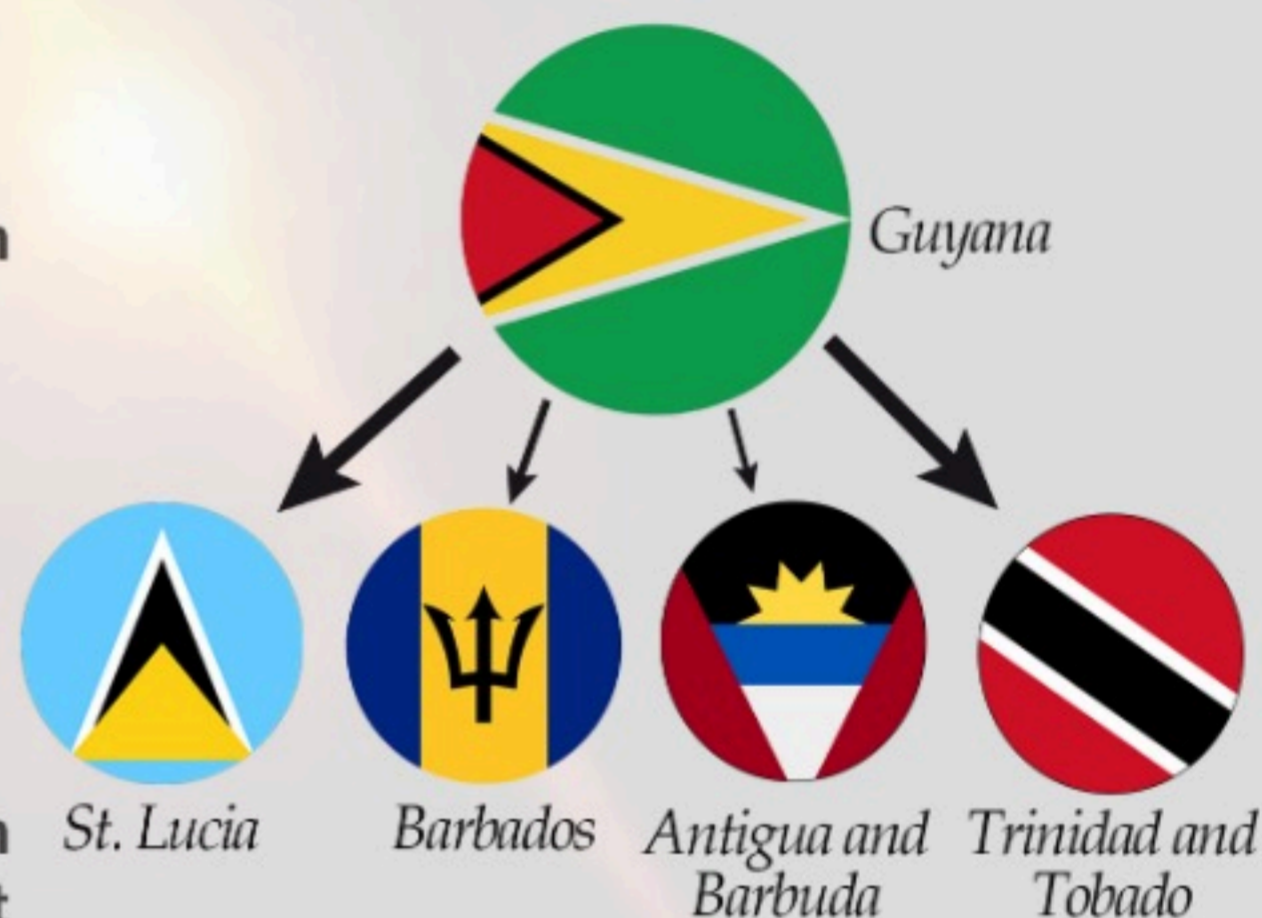
A trade protocol is a bilateral or multilateral agreement establishing the framework for trade between countries. It outlines the terms and conditions for the exchange of goods and services, including tariffs, quotas, customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary measures and other pertinent trade aspects.

## COUNTRIES WITH PLANT QUARANTINE TRADE PROTOCOL AGREEMENTS WITH GUYANA

Guyana has Trade Protocols with four countries in the Caribbean:

- Barbados
- St. Lucia
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Trinidad and Tobago

These protocols state the conditions under which fruits and vegetables must be prepared for export to these countries.



## Common Requirements

- 1** Apply to commercial shipments of agricultural produce. All agricultural produce must have an import permit. Produce in personal baggage is prohibited.
- 2** Produce must originate from registered and certified producers in the exporting country.
- 3** Approved facilities meeting hygiene standards are required for packing.
- 4** Measures to prevent and control pests are mandatory throughout the production and transport process.
- 5** Certification by exporting country authorities and potential involvement of importing country authorities are common requirements.
- 6** Regular inspections are conducted to ensure compliance with protocol requirements.
- 7** Training programs are implemented to educate relevant stakeholders on protocol adherence.