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Alien Land Holding	All services	All	St Vincent and the Grenadines Alien (Landholding Regulation) Act	the conditions for grant of an aliens' landholding licence. Foreign companies and individuals wishing to possess property by title or on condition of paying rent need to first obtain a licence. Companies incorporated St. Vincent and the Gren. possessing by title, having an estate on condition of paying rent or intending to any land may be restricted or prohibited from the issue or transfer of their shares or debentures to non-citizens or restricted or prohibited from the holding by non-citizens of share warrants and of debentures transferable by delivery or may be refused to register a non-citizen as a member or as the holder of a debenture.					
Company Registration	All services	All services	Companies Act 1994	prescribe the requirements for registration of an external company. Regulation 19 of the Companies Regulations also provide for differential fees for external companies					
Exchange Controls	All services	All	Exchange Control Act (Cap.322)	Act prescribes the requirements and restrictions in respect of foreign exchange transactions [Permission required for movements in excess of EC\$250,000]					
International Business Services	All services	All	International Business Companies Act, 1996	S.5 prescribes the kind of business an international business company is restricted to undertaking. [incorporation required limits market access]					
Professional Licence Requirement	Miscellaneous services	Miscellaneous (see scope of legislation as attached)	Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)	SS.2,3 of the Act prescribe the professions to be licensed and the requirements for licensing. [Licence requirements require physical presence, non-national treatment fees for foreigners (Traders)] the Professions Licensing Act provides for the registration of every person practising any of the professions listed in the Schedule to the Act, including lawyers, medical practitioners, dentists, veterinary surgeons, engineers, architects, accountants, building contractors, entertainers, insurance brokers and agents, real estate agents and traders.					
Work Permit Requirement	All services	All	Employment Of Foreign National And Commonwealth Citizens Act (Cap 147)	S.3 9TH Act require foreign nationals and commonwealth citizens to obtain work permits					
	Investment	Types of ommercial presence		Foreign investors have to incorporate or establish the business locally. Companies not incorporated locally must be registered and powers and ctivities may be restricted, in accordance with relevant legislation.					

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	Investment			The Small Business Development Bill defines micro and small businesses and stipulates the activities that these businesses must engage in. International business can only engage in particular activities as stipulated by the International Business Companies Act. The State prohibits the exploration, exploitation and processing of radioactive minerals, the recycle of nuclear fuel, the generation of nuclear energy, the transportation and storage of nuclear waste, the use and processing of nuclear fuel and regulation of its applications for other purposes, as well as the production of heavy water. Economic needs tests are applied in small business.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 01	Investment	Agriculture and hunting	St Vincent and the Grenadines Wildlife Protection Act	The State reserves the right to prohibit, control or restrict cultivation of certain crops and the import or export of certain crops.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 02	Investment	Forestry and Logging	St Vincent and the Grenadines Wildlife Protection Act	The State reserves the right to adopt or maintain measures on investment in this sector.					
ISIC rev.3.1: 05	Investment	Fishing	Fisheries Act	The State reserves the right to adopt or maintain measures on investment in this sector.					
	Investment	Mining and quarrying		Certain activities in small scale mining may be reserved to nationals. The State reserves the right to grant approval for private or public exploration, mining, processing, importation and exportation of minerals.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 20	Investment	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials		The State reserve the right to adopt or maintain restrictions on small scale investment in this sector.					
ISIC rev 3.1:29	Investment	Manufacture of machinery and equipment		The State may reserve the right to adopt or maintain measures on investment in the production of weapons and ammunition.					
ISIC rev 3.1: 36	Investment	Manufacture of furniture; manufacturing n.e.c.		The State reserve the right to adopt or maintain restrictions on small scale investment in this sector.					
	Investment	Production, transmission and distribution on own account of electricity, gas, steam and hot water (Excluding Nuclear Based Electricity Generation)		Unbound					
			Investment Act						
			Small business Act						
86119*	Legal services: consulting in home law of the service provider	Professional Services (Legal Services)	Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)	Professions Licensing Act provides for the registration of every person practising	Unbound	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	

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8621	Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping service	Professional Services	Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Eastern Caribbean Agreement Act 2003 Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)	Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Eastern Caribbean Agreement Act 2003 implements the Agreement establishing the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Eastern Caribbean (ICAEC), 23 November 2000. The ICAEC Agreement provides that persons who are resident or a citizen of a member State and a member of a 'parent body' are entitled to be registered as members and any person who successfully passes the accountancy examinations conducted by the Institute or by some other body on behalf of the Institute for the election of chartered membership and is awarded a certificate by the Institute. A person may not offer him/herself to be in public practice as a "Chartered Accountant" or use such title unless the person is registered as a member of the Institute.	Unbound	Unbound	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
863	Taxation Services	Professional Services	Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8671	Architectural Services	Professional Services	Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
86724 & 86725	Engineering Services	Professional Services	Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8673	Integrated Engineering Services	Professional Services	Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8674	Urban Planning and Landscape Architectural services	Professional Services	Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
93121 & 93122	Specialized & General Medical Services	Professional Services (Medical Services)	Medical Registration Act Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		Unbound	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
	Neuro-surgery	Professional Services (Medical Services)	Medical Registration Act Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	None except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
	Epidemiological services	Professional Services (Medical Services)	Medical Registration Act Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	None except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
	CATSCAN series	Professional Services (Medical Services)	Medical Registration Act Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	None except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
932	Veterinary Services	Professional Services	Veterinary Surgeons Act. Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		Unbound	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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83191	Services Provided by Midwives, nurses, physiotherapist and para-medical personnel	Professional Services (Medical Services)	Nurses Registration Act Professions Licensing Act (Cap.271)		None	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
841	Consultancy Services related to the installation of computer hardware	Computer and Related Services			None	None	None except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
842	Software Implementation Services	Computer and Related Services			None	None	Percentage of local persons to be employed	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
843	Data Processing Services	Computer and Related Services			None	None	Percentage of local persons to be employed	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
844	Data Base Services	Computer and Related Services			None	None	Percentage of local persons to be employed	Limitation on number of non-nationals in managerial positions. Subject to an economic needs test	
851	R&D Services on Natural Sciences	Research and Development Services			None	None	Publicly funded R and D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents		
852	R & D Services on Social Sciences and humanities	Research and Development Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
853	Interdisciplinary R&D Services	Research and Development Services			Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Publicly funded R & D services may be limited to citizens and/or residents	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
83104	Relating to Aircraft	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators			None	None	None. Enterprises with initial investment of less than US\$ 1 000 000 may be reserved for nationals	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
83101+83102+83105	Relating to other transport Equipment	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators			None	None	None. Enterprises with initial investment of less than US\$ 1 000 000 may be reserved for nationals	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
83106-83109	Relating to other Machinery and Equipment	Rental/Leasing Services Without Operators			None	None	None. Enterprises with initial investment of less than US\$ 1 000 000 may be reserved for nationals	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
871	Advertising Services	Other Business Services			None	None	Joint venture with minimum local participation of not less than 40 %	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
864	Market research and public opinion polling services	Other Business Services			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
865	Management Consulting Services	Other Business Services			Unbound	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
866	Services Related to Man. Consulting	Other Business Services			Unbound	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8676	Technical testing and Analysis Services	Other Business Services			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	

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88110	Services Incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry	Other Business Services			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
88411, 88421-3, 88441, 8853, 8855 & 8857	Services Incidental to manufacturing	Other Business Services			None	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8675	Related Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	Other Business Services			Unbound	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8861-8866	Maintenance and Repair of Equipments (not including maritime vessels, aircraft or other transport equipment)	Other Business Services			Unbound	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
876	Packaging Services	Other Business Services			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
87909**	Convention Services	Other Business Services			Unbound*	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
87909	Other	Other Business Services			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
7512	Courier Services	Communication Services			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
752	Telecommunication Services	Communication Services	Telecommunications Act		Unbound	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
923	Higher Education Services	Educational Services	Education Act 2006. Further and Higher Education (Accreditation) Act	legislation requires the granting of a permit and registration of private educational institutions. The criteria established for registration relate to the appropriateness of the premises and adequacy of human and material resources for the supply of the service. The legislation also allows the Minister to place limits on class sizes and other conditions as he may determine on the issuance of a permit	Unbound	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
924	Adult Education	Educational Services	Education Act 2006. Further and Higher Education (Accreditation) Act	legislation requires the granting of a permit and registration of private educational institutions. The criteria established for registration relate to the appropriateness of the premises and adequacy of human and material resources for the supply of the service. The legislation also allows the Minister to place limits on class sizes and other conditions as he may determine on the issuance of a permit	None	None	Unbound. None from 1 January 2020	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
9401	Sewage Services	Environmental Services			None	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
9402	Refuse Disposal Services	Environmental Services			None	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
9402**	Hazardous waste collection services	Environmental Services			None	None	Subject to the development of relevant regulations	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
9402**	Hazardous waste treatment and disposal services	Environmental Services			None	None	Subject to the development of relevant regulations	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
94040	Cleaning services of exhaust gas	Environmental Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	

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84050	Noise abatement	Environmental Services			Unbound*	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
84090**	Closed loop pollution control systems for factories	Environmental Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
	Waste and waste water management	Environmental Services			Unbound	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
84090**	Recycling Services	Environmental Services			None	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8121	Life, accident and health insurance services	Financial Services (All insurance and insurance-related services)	Insurance Business Tax (Cap 313)	[Differential taxes levied on foreign general insurers]	None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8129	Non-life Insurance Services Maritime and Air Transport Insurance Services	Financial Services (All insurance and insurance-related services)	Insurance Business Tax (Cap 313)		None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
81299**	Reinsurance and Retrocession Insurance (including broking and agency services)	Financial Services (All insurance and insurance-related services)	Insurance Business Tax (Cap 313)		None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
81339	All Payment and money transmission Services	Financial Services (Banking and other financial services)	Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement 1983 Uniform Banking Act (2005).		None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8131 or 8133	Advisory and other auxiliary financial services on all the activities listed in MTN.TNC/W/50, incl. Credit reference and analysis, investment and portfolio research and advice, advice on acquisitions and on corporate restructuring and strategy.	Financial Services (Banking and other financial services)	Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement 1983 Uniform Banking Act (2005).		Unbound	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
9311	Hospital services	Health related and Social Services			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
93193	Residential health facilities services other than hospital services	Health related and Social Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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641-643	Hotels (Excluding restaurants)	Tourism and Travel Related Services	Hotel Aids Act (1988)	Act prescribes the requirements for grant of licences and concession for hotel development. [Non nationals subject to differential requirements to access benefits under the Act]	Unbound*	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
	Spa Services	Tourism and Travel Related Services			None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
9619	Entertainment Services (incl. Theatre, live bands and circus services)	Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services (other than audiovisual services) (Except gambling)	Entertainment Act (Cap.263)	S.2,3,4 + 9 prescribe the requirements for registration of places of entertainment [Allows for discretion in granting licence and differential fees for foreigners]	None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Subject to economic needs test for CSS and IP	
962	News agency services	Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services (other than audiovisual services) (Except gambling)	Newspapers Control Act (Cap 264)	Act prescribes the requirements for registration of newspapers [A bond is required prior to printing and publishing newspapers]	Unbound	None	None. Establishment of press agencies by foreign investors is subject to reciprocity	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
964	Sporting and other recreational services	Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services (other than audiovisual services) (Except gambling)	National Sports Council Act		Unbound	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
7211	Passenger transportation (less cabotage)	Maritime Transport Services	Merchant Shipping Amendment Act 1991 Merchant Shipping Act Cap 364	The Act prescribes the requirements for registering local and foreign vessels and crew ships to be registered] [Various additional conditions apply for foreign ships to be registered]	None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
7212	Freight Transportation (less cabotage)	Maritime Transport Services	Shipping Act		None	None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
7213	Rental of vessels with crew (less cabotage)	Maritime Transport Services			Unbound	None	Joint venture required	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
74540	Vessel salvage & refloating services	Maritime Transport Services			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
732	Freight Transportation	Air Transport Services			None	None	Unbound	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
7111	Passenger transportation	Rail Transport Services			None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
7112	Freight Transportation	Rail Transport Services			None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
7113	Pushing and towing services	Rail Transport Services			None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
8868	Maintenance and repair of rail transport equipment	Rail Transport Services			None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
743	Supporting services for rail transport services	Rail Transport Services			None	None	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
741	Cargo Handling Services	Services Auxiliary to all Modes of Transport			None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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742	Storage and warehouse services	Services Auxiliary to all Modes of Transport			None	None	None		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.
	Free Zone Operations	Services Auxiliary to all Modes of Transport	Export Free Zone Act of 1999		None	None	None, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.
749	Trans-shipment services	Services Auxiliary to all Modes of Transport			None	None	None		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.

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