

Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020

1. Registration of importers and manufacturers of biodegradable single use products specified in the 1st Schedule

Step 1: Application form, as set out in the 3rd Schedule of the Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020, should be submitted either electronically at plasticfree@govmu.org or by post or in person at the Registration Desk, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division), Ground Floor, Ken Lee Tower, Port Louis.

Step 2: Following verification of application form and accompanying documents, an acknowledgment receipt will be issued to the applicant on the same day (if application is made in person) or within one working day (if application has been received by post or electronically).

Step 3: Application forms will be processed and additional information may be sought from applicant, if required. Applicant would be informed in writing within 10 working days, whether her/ his application has been approved or not. Where an application has been rejected, applicant would be informed in writing of the reason for refusal.

Step 4: Where an application has been approved, applicant should make payment of a fee of Rs10,000/- at the Cash Office, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division), 12th Floor, Ken Lee Tower, Port Louis.

Step 5: A certificate of registration shall be issued to the applicant upon presentation of the payment receipt at the Registration Desk.

2. Renewal of registration of importers and manufacturers of biodegradable single use products specified in the 1st Schedule

Step 1: Application form, as set out in the 4th Schedule of the Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020, should be submitted either electronically at plasticfree@govmu.org or by post or in person at the Registration Desk, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division), Ground Floor, Ken Lee Tower, Port Louis.

Application for renewal of a certificate should be submitted at least 3 months prior to the expiry of an existing certificate.

Step 2: Following verification of application form and accompanying documents, an acknowledgment receipt will be issued to the applicant on the same day (if application is made in person) or within one working day (if application has been received by post or electronically).

Step 3: Application forms will be processed and additional information may be sought from applicant, if required. Applicant would be informed in writing within 10 working days, whether her/ his application has been approved or not. Where an application has been rejected, applicant would be informed in writing of the reason for refusal.

Step 4: Where an application has been approved, applicant should make payment of a fee of Rs10,000/- at the Cash Office, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division), 12th Floor, Ken Lee Tower, Port Louis.

Step 5: A certificate of registration (renewal) shall be issued to the applicant upon presentation of the payment receipt at the Registration Desk.

3. Application for clearance to import a biodegradable single use product specified in the 1st Schedule

Step 1: Application form, as set out in the 5th Schedule of the Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020, should be submitted either electronically at plasticfree@govmu.org or by post or in person at the Registration Desk, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division), Ground Floor, Ken Lee Tower, Port Louis.

Application should be submitted at least 30 days prior to placing the order in respect of the biodegradable single use product, together with the following documents:

- (i) an original certificate of conformity, or a certified true copy of the original certificate of conformity, issued by the manufacturer; and
- (ii) a sample of the biodegradable single use product specified in the 2nd Schedule.

Step 2: Following verification of application form and accompanying documents as well as sample of the biodegradable single use product, an acknowledgment receipt will be issued to the applicant on the same day (if application is made in person) or within one working day (if application has been received by post or electronically).

Step 3: Sample of the single use product shall be tested at the National Environmental Laboratory further to which test report will be submitted.

Step 4: Issue of clearance letter - Applicant would be informed in writing within 10 working days, whether their application has been approved or not with copy to the Customs Department of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA). Where an application has been rejected, applicant would be informed in writing of the reason for refusal.

Step 5: At point of entry – on the arrival of the consignment, MRA would inform the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change in writing for verification purposes. Verification will be done by the Ministry in the presence of the importer or his duly authorised representative. Where an application has been approved, the consignment will be released. Where an application has been rejected, the Director-General of the MRA may be requested to seize the product and the importer should be ordered to reship or dispose of the product, at his expense, in such manner as the Director may determine.