

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MANUFACTURERS OF EXEMPTED PLASTIC BAGS

Application for Registration

- 1) All **manufacturers of exempted plastic bags** have to register with the Director of Environment as per the **attached Registration Form**.

- 2) **All manufacturers of biodegradable and compostable plastic bags have to comply with the provisions of the Regulations regarding:**
 - (i) **conformity to the standards or any other acceptable to the Mauritius Standards Bureau) and**
 - (ii) **particulars to be displayed on the bags.**
 - The Mauritius Standard Bureau has advised to opt for the following applicable standards MS ISO 17088, BS EN 13432, EN 14995, ASTM D 64 00 as **highlighted** at Attached Third Schedule

Our contact details:

The Regulations are available on: www.environment.govmu.org

Specific information on the standards could be sought by Mauritius Standards Bureau accessible on <http://msb.intnet.mu>

All applicants are requested to forward their filled Registration Forms for biodegradable and compostable plastic bags by:

1. Email: menv@govmu.org
2. Fax: 212 9407
3. Registered post to the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management, 5th Floor, Ken Lee Tower, Cnr. St George & Barracks Streets, Port Louis.

4. Hand delivery at the Registry of the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management, 5th Floor, Ken Lee Tower, Cnr. St George & Barracks Streets, Port Louis.

Requirements for manufacture of biodegradable and compostable plastic bags

- i) The manufacturers of biodegradable or compostable plastic bags **have to ensure strict compliance with the Standard specified in the attached Third Schedule of the regulations.**
- ii) **All manufacturers should seek guidance from the Mauritius Standard Bureau on the test to be carried out on the biodegradable or compostable plastic bags manufactured by their company, to obtain the required Certificate from an accredited laboratory confirming conformity with the appropriate standards as specified in the Regulations.**
- iii) **The manufacturers should possess the original Certificate or true copy of the original Certificate of Conformity obtained from an accredited laboratory recognized by the Mauritius Standard bureau, prior to displaying the particulars on the bags.**
- iv) The particulars with respect to biodegradable plastic bag and compostable plastic bag should be conspicuously displayed, as specified in the regulations:-
 - (a) The name and contact address of the manufacturer;
 - (b) The country of origin;
 - (c) The batch number and production date;
 - (d) The standard complied with;
- v) The manufacturer should inform the Ministry on the expected date of manufacture of the bag and on the expected date of putting the bags for sale
- vi) This Ministry reserves the right to take samples of the biodegradable and compostable plastic bags for testing at least twice a year, at the expense of the manufacturer.
- vii) A return on the amount of bags manufactured, should be submitted to the Director of Environment every 6 months, by 31st January and 31st July at latest.

SCHEDULE
[Regulation 7]

SECOND SCHEDULE
[Regulation 5(2)]

REGISTRATION FORM FOR MANUFACTURERS OR IMPORTERS OF BAGS SPECIFIED IN THE FIRST
SCHEDULE

Name of applicant

Address

Office phone number

Mobile number

Fax number

Email address

Name of contact person of applicant.....

Please fill in as appropriate

1. Business Registration number of manufacturer
(1) Date of issue and Reference number of PER Approval (Copy to be attached)
(2) Date of issue and Reference number of Development Permit or Building and Land Use Permit (copy to be attached)
(3) Recent copy of trade fee receipt (copy to be attached)
(4) Type of bag to be manufactured

<p>2. Business Registration number of Importer</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Type of bag to be imported</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

<p>I apply to be registered as –</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> manufacturer of exempted plastic bags and/or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> importer of exempted plastic bags.</p> <p>Please tick as appropriate</p>
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I hereby confirm that I have taken cognizance of the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2015 and I undertake to comply with the terms and conditions therein.

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Date

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Signature of applicant

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration number

Issued on

Reference Date

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulation 8]

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulations 2, 5A and 5F]

Type of plastic bags	Applicable standards
Biodegradable plastic bag	ASTM D5338-15 ASTM D5988-12 ASTM D6340-98 ASTM D6954-04 EN 13432 EN 14046 EN 14047 EN 14048 ISO 14851- ISO 14852- ISO 14855-1 ISO 14855-2 ISO 15985 ISO 17556
Compostable plastic bag	ASTM D6400-12 EN 13432 EN 14045 EN 14995 ISO 16929 ISO 17088 ISO 20200