

Communiqué
OPERATION OF REGISTRATION DESK

In line with powers vested in him by virtue of section 96 of the Environment Protection Act 2002, as subsequently amended, and the measure announced in the Government Programme 2020-2024 to make Mauritius a plastic free country within the nearest possible delays, the Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020 and the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastics Bags) Regulations 2020 have been made by the Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change.

Pursuant to the above Regulations, importers and manufacturers are being hereby informed that all applications in respect of the following should be made on the prescribed forms-

- (i) registration and renewal of certificates as importer and/or manufacturer of biodegradable single use products;
- (ii) clearance to import biodegradable single use products;
- (iii) registration and renewal of an importer and/or manufacturer of exempt plastics bags and compostable or biodegradable plastics bags; and
- (iv) clearance to import or manufacture biodegradable or compostable plastics bags.

The duly filled-in application forms may be deposited at the Registration Desk of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division) on the Ground Floor, Ken Lee Tower, Corner St Georges & Barracks Street, Port Louis or submitted electronically at plasticfree@govmu.org.

In accordance with provisions laid down in the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastics Bags) Regulations 2020, all existing importers and/or manufacturers of exempt plastic bags and biodegradable and compostable plastic bags must register anew with the Director of Environment.

The Registration Desk is operational on **weekdays** from **09 00 hours** to **15 30 hours**. Payment of prescribed fees should be made at the Cash Office of this Ministry, 12th floor, Ken Lee Tower, Corner Barracks and St Georges Streets, Port Louis.

Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change
(Environment and Climate Change Division)

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