

COMMUNIQUÉ

Soft Launch of the Tradelink Online Platform

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division) hereby informs the public that applications under the Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020 and the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020, as hereunder, can be made on the **Tradelink Online Platform** of the Mauritius Revenue Authority, **as from 23 January 2023**: -

(a) Application for import permit in respect of –

- (i) biodegradable single use plastic products (**PLA and other biodegradable plastic products only**); and
- (ii) biodegradable/compostable plastic bags.

(b) Application for clearance in respect of -

- (i) biodegradable single use plastic products (**PLA and other biodegradable plastic products only**);
- (ii) biodegradable/compostable plastic bags; and
- (iii) exempt plastic bags listed under the First Schedule of the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020.

However, the Tradelink Online Platform does not cater for applications for import permit and clearance for **paper, bagasse and other cellulose based products** at this stage. Consequently, for the time being such applications will continue to be accepted and processed as per the existing arrangements.

The new modality will be implemented on a pilot basis over a period of two (2) months. Both manual and online applications will be accepted during this phase.

For the purpose of accessing the online platform, importers are requested to register with the Mauritius Network System (MNS) Services Ltd. Kindly call on telephone number **+230 401-6825** for further details in this regard.

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