

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division)	
<b>Brief description of Organisation</b>	<p>The key focus of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division) is to ensure environmental protection through sound environmental planning, enforcement and awareness-raising. The vision of the Ministry is to achieve a “cleaner, greener, and safer Mauritius in a sustainable manner.”</p> <p>The Ministry is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinforcing existing policies, strategies and legal framework to ensure environmental protection and beach management and respond to emerging challenges</li> <li>• Processing of PER/EIA applications</li> <li>• Advising industrialists and public on appropriate pollution abatement measures</li> <li>• Attending to complaints made by the public with regards to environmental pollution</li> <li>• Public Awareness &amp; Environmental Education (EE)</li> <li>• Infrastructure upgrading and enhancement of the environment</li> <li>• Rehabilitation and preservation of our national heritage sites</li> </ul>	
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<b>Schemes /Incentives/Support Services that may benefit Cooperative Societies</b>	<b>Details of Schemes/ Incentives/ Support Services (Description)</b>	<b>Contact Person (Name, Tel. No. and Email Address) for each scheme/incentive/support service</b>
<b>1. Registration of importers and manufacturers of exempted plastic bags and issue of clearances prior to import of</b>		

<p><b>biodegradable and compostable bags</b></p> <p><i>Relevant legislation governing services provided:</i> Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020</p> <p><i>Type of services offered:</i> Registration Certificates for importers and manufacturers of exempted plastic bags including biodegradable and compostable bags.</p> <p>Clearances for importers of biodegradable and compostable bags</p>	<p>The Regulations allows for the import &amp; manufacture of biodegradable and compostable plastic bags, subject to strict conformity to appropriate standards specified in the regulations. The Regulations also allows the manufacture &amp; importation of exempt plastic bags subject to registration.</p> <p><i>For registration</i> All importers and manufacturers of exempted plastic bags have to register with the Director of Environment as per the Registration Form and Registration Certificate is issued according to item(s) applied for.</p> <p>A processing fee of Rs 10,000 applicable for registration and valid for three years</p> <p><i>For issue of clearances prior to import of biodegradable and compostable bags</i> All importers of biodegradable and compostable plastic bags have to register with the Director of Environment as per the Clearance Application Form.</p> <p>Importers of biodegradable and compostable plastic bags need to have a clearance from the Director prior to importation. Application for</p>	<p>Mrs S. Soobron, <a href="mailto:ssoobron@govmu.org">ssoobron@govmu.org</a>, 2036200</p> <p>Mrs R. Aukhojee, <a href="mailto:raukhojee@govmu.org">raukhojee@govmu.org</a></p> <p>Mrs D. Tatur <a href="mailto:dtatur@govmu.org">dtatur@govmu.org</a></p>
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<p><b>2. Registration of Importers and Manufacturers of Biodegradable Single Use Products</b></p> <p><b>Relevant legislation governing services provided:</b></p> <p><b>Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Amendment Regulations 2021</b></p>	<p>The Regulations allows for the import &amp; manufacture, of Biodegradable Single Use Products listed in the regulations subject to Registration and Clearance prior to importation.</p> <p>A processing fee of Rs 10,000 applicable for registration and valid for three years.</p> <p>Application for clearance to be accompanied by original certificate of conformity or a certified true copy of the original certificate of conformity together with 3 samples of the item for</p>	<p>Mrs S. Soobron, Mrs R. Aukhojee, Mrs D. Tatur</p>

	<p>verification and testing purposes.</p> <p>Application for clearance should be sought from the Director one month prior to the placing order of the biodegradable single use product.</p>	
<p><b>3. Sensitization on:</b>  <b>a) Pollution Prevention and Control;</b>  <b>b) Sustainability</b></p>	<p>The Information and Education Division and the Sustainable Development Division of the Ministry carry out sensitization campaigns to provide information and broaden awareness on pollution prevention and control, and on sustainability and the need to green our lifestyles.</p> <p>To benefit from this activity, a letter needs to be addressed to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry to request for the services of a Resource Person to address the target audience on the above mentioned themes.</p>	<p>Dr R. Foolmaun  <a href="mailto:rfoolmaun@govmu.org">rfoolmaun@govmu.org</a></p>