

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, SME AND COOPERATIVES (COOPERATIVES DIVISION)

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

AT THE COOPERATIVE MARKET FAIRS 2026 AT QUATRE BORNES MARKET

The stalls will be free-of-charge and will be subject to the following conditions:

- i. Participants should carry their National Identity Card during the Fairs. They should present their National Identity Card to officers of the Ministry for identification purposes whenever requested for;
- ii. Registered participants should work in person and be present at the stalls allocated to them at all the Fairs held from **09 00 to 17 00 hours**. They would not be allowed to put their stalls at the disposal of any other party and allow any other person to represent them at the fairs;
- iii. Participants would be allowed to sell only products manufactured by themselves or their cooperatives. They should ensure availability of sufficient stock throughout the Fair;
- iv. **Only locally made products should be exhibited and sold** at the Fairs and products that could be sold are namely fresh flowers, potted plants, vegetables, fruits, eggs, juice, food items, agro-processed items, spices, shoes, bags, wallets, handicraft, jewellery, textile and groceries. **In no circumstance whatsoever, would any participant be allowed to display or sell any imported products during the fair;**
- v. **Cooperative members should submit their sales for each fair to the Cooperatives Division and record same in the appropriate books of the cooperative society. In case of non-submission of sales figures for two consecutive fairs, cooperative societies will not be allowed to participate in upcoming fairs of the Cooperatives Division for 2026;**
- vi. Participants **absent for more than three consecutive fairs** would not be allowed to participate in the fair and the stalls allocated to them would be re-allocated to other participants;
- vii. No live animals would be allowed for sale;
- viii. Name of participating organization should be displayed at the stalls;
- ix. Price tags should be fixed on all products exhibited at all times during the fairs in accordance with provisions of the law;
- x. **No cooking would be allowed;**
- xi. **No electricity supply would be provided to participants;**
- xii. All ready to eat food should be exposed for sale in show cases and all foodstuffs should be placed on stages of 300 mm from floor level;
- xiii. Food/food products displayed and offered for sale should conform to the provisions of the Food Act/Regulations and Public Health Act and its regulations including restriction on Tobacco Products Regulation 2008;
- xiv. Participants should arrange for security of their own products. The Ministry would in no circumstance whatsoever, be responsible for any loss or liable to damage of participant's products and other belongings;
- xv. Obstruction of space and alleys earmarked for movement of public and participants would be prohibited;
- xvi. Disposal of garbage or other waste materials elsewhere than in the facilities provided would be prohibited;
- xvii. Displaying and stocking of products outside the space allocated to participants would not be permitted;
- xviii. Participants should use only facilities available at the fair. Own tables, display units, appliances etc. would not be permitted except for condition at (xii);
- xix. Good hygiene conditions should be maintained;
- xx. No sale and smoking of cigarettes would be allowed; and
- xxi. Participants should adhere to prevailing sanitary measures.
- xxii. Eligibility for participation shall be limited to cooperative societies whose objects expressly provide for the local production, processing, or marketing of goods or products, as stipulated in their Rules. Co-operative Credit Unions and Co-operative Credit Societies shall not be eligible to participate in the market fairs.

Participants not abiding by the above terms and conditions will be called upon to vacate the stalls with immediate effect. The Ministry reserves the right not to hold the Fair as deemed necessary.