Dear Sir/Madam,

Regional Cooperative Market Fair at the Parking Space of the District Council of Flacq (near Flacq Traffic Centre), Central Flacq

The Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) is organising a Regional Cooperative Market Fair at the Parking Space of the District Council of Flacq (near Flacq Traffic Centre), Central Flacq from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 February 2021. The opening hours of the Fair will be from 09 30 hours to 18 00 hours.

2. In this respect, the Ministry is inviting participation from primary, secondary and tertiary Cooperative Societies. Interested cooperatives are kindly requested to complete the attached application form and submit same to the Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division), 3rd Floor, LIC Building, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis (Attn: Mr D. Sohnath) at latest by Friday 05 February 2021. Application received after the deadline would not be considered. The Ministry reserves the right not to hold the fair as deemed necessary.

3. A non-refundable fee of Rs2,000 per stall would be charged by the Ministry and the stalls would be provided subject to the following terms and conditions:
   i. Stall/s would be allocated to Cooperative Societies in a way that allows a maximum number of cooperatives to participate;
   ii. Cooperative Societies should undertake to make full settlement of participation fee prior to holding of the Fair;
   iii. Participants should wear their badges provided by the Ministry and carry their National Identity Card (NIC) during the entire duration of the fair. The NIC should be presented to officers of the Ministry whenever requested for;
   iv. Registered participants should work and be present at the stalls allocated to them during the entire duration of the Fair, and would not be allowed to put their stalls at the disposal of any other party;
   v. Participants should ensure availability of sufficient stock for the 3 days of the fair;
   vi. Only locally made products should be exhibited and sold at the Fair and products that could be sold are namely fresh flowers, potted plants, vegetables, fruits, eggs, fish, juice, food items, agro-processed items, spices, shoes, bags, wallets, handicraft, jewellery, textile, groceries and ornamental fish. In no circumstance whatsoever, would any participant be allowed to display or sell any imported products during the fair;
   vii. No live animals would be allowed for sale;
   viii. Name of Cooperative Societies should be displayed at the stalls;
   ix. Price tags should be fixed on all products exhibited at all times during the event in accordance with provisions of the law;
   x. No cooking would be allowed;
   xi. 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;
xii. 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;

xiii. 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;

xiv. Obstruction of space and alleys earmarked for movement of public and participants would be prohibited;

xv. Disposal of garbage or other waste materials elsewhere than in the facilities provided would be prohibited;

xvi. Each participant should make provision of a fire extinguisher in good condition which should be kept in a readily accessible position;

xvii. Displaying and stocking of products outside the space allocated to participants would not be permitted;

xviii. Only facilities provided by the Ministry would be allowed. Own tables, display units etc would not be permitted except for condition at (xi);

xix. Good hygiene conditions should be maintained;

xx. No sale and smoking of cigarettes would be allowed;

xxi. Participants shall adhere to prevailing sanitary measures; and

xxii. The setting up of products in the stalls should be completed at latest by 09 30 hours on Friday 26 February 2021.

Participants not abiding by the above terms and conditions will be called upon to vacate the stalls with immediate effect and will not be refunded the fees paid for the stalls.

4. Participants are requested to contact Mrs. S. P. Venkatachellum, Cooperative Development Officer at the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division), 3rd Floor, LIC Building, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis on Tel No: 208 9266 for an appointment for payment of the stall fee as from Monday 15 February 2021.

5. Participants are also kindly requested to be present at the Parking Space of the District Council of Flacq (near Flacq Traffic Centre), Central Flacq on Thursday 25 February 2021 at 14 00 hours for the allocation of stalls. Participants should bring along their National Identity Card and receipt of payment for the stalls.

6. Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

D. Sobnath
for Senior Chief Executive