

## Commodities (Indication of Origin) Regulations 1981

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### Regulations made by the Minister under Section 8 of the Fair Trading Act 1979

1. These regulations may be cited as the Commodities (Indication of Origin) Regulations 1981.

2. In these regulations-

"commodity" means an item specified in the Schedule;

"container" includes any package, cask, bottle, vessel, box, capsule, frame, case, wrapper or any other receptacle in which a commodity is presented or prepared for sale;

"country of origin", in relation to a commodity, means the country in which the commodity was manufactured or in which the final process of manufacture took place;

"label" means any writing indelibly or otherwise permanently impressed upon, woven, sewn, or worked into, or affixed to, or otherwise marked on, a commodity or a container of a commodity;

"manufacture" means assemble, make, prepare, produce, put into a container, a commodity by any process;

"mark" has the same meaning as in the Trade Marks Ordinance.

3. (1) No trader shall import a commodity for sale in Mauritius unless at the time of its importation-

- (a) the commodity bears a conspicuous label indicating the country of origin of the commodity; or
- (b) where the nature of the commodity is such that it does not permit compliance with subparagraph (a), the container of the commodity bears a conspicuous label indicating the country of origin of the commodity.

**3(1)A** (a) The Minister may, in case of non compliance with regulation 3(1), authorise an importer to affix locally a label indicating the Country Origin of an imported commodity, provided a certificate of origin is produced;

(b) The label shall be affixed under the supervision of an authorised officer prior to clearance from customs.

**Added by [\[GN No. 50 of 2005\]](#)**

(2) Where a trader imports a commodity for sale in Mauritius for further processing or for re-packing, he shall put a conspicuous label-

- (a) on the finished commodity or on the commodity which has been repacked; or
  - (b) where the nature of the commodity is such that it does not permit compliance with subparagraph (a), on the container of the commodity.
- (3) The label required by paragraph (2) shall indicate-
- (a) the country of origin of the imported commodity and its mark, if any, and
  - (b) that the final process of manufacture of the imported commodity has taken place in Mauritius.
4. No trader shall manufacture a commodity unless at the completion of its manufacture-
- (a) the commodity bears a conspicuous label with the words "MADE IN MAURITIUS" or "PRODUCE OF MAURITIUS"; or
  - (b) where the nature of the commodity is such that it does not permit compliance with paragraph (a), the container of the commodity bears a conspicuous label with the words "MADE IN MAURITIUS" or "PRODUCE OF MAURITIUS".
5. No trader shall sell a commodity, other than a second hand commodity, unless-
- (a) the commodity bears a conspicuous label indicating the country of origin of the commodity; or
  - (b) where the nature of the commodity is such that it does not permit compliance with paragraph (a), the container of the commodity bears a conspicuous label indicating the country of origin of the commodity.
6. No trader shall alter, erase, obliterate, remove or forge a label or mark indicating the country of origin of a commodity which is intended for sale.
7. These regulations shall come into operation on the 1st December 1981. Made by the Minister on the 1st July 1981.

**SCHEDULE**  
(regulation 2)

Bags, trunks, wallets and similar receptacles  
Clocks, clock cases and movements  
Conduit pipes  
Cosmetics  
Cutlery  
Cycles  
Dry cell batteries  
Food, including beverages  
Footwear  
Garments  
Glass  
Household appliances and utensils  
Lighters

Matches

Photographic and cinematographic cameras, projectors and accessories.

Radio receivers and transmitters

Razors and razor blades

Record players

Scissors

Soap

Soap detergents

Sports gear and equipment

Tape and video recorders and reproducers

Television receivers

Thread (embroidery, knitting and sewing)

Toilet preparations

Tools and implements

Toys

Tyres and tubes

Watches, watch cases and movements