

Consolidated Version of the Consumer Protection (Trade Fair & Exhibition) Regulations 2003

Government Notice No. 50 of 2003

**THE CONSUMER PROTECTION
(PRICE AND SUPPLIES CONTROL) ACT**

**Regulations made by the Minister under section 35 of the
Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Trade Fair and Exhibition) Regulations 2003.

2. In these regulations -

“**applicant**” means a person, company or association applying for authorization to hold a trade fair or exhibition;

“**exhibition**” -

(a) means a commercial event of a period of not less than one day, nor more than 10 days, at a specific place where participants are allowed to exhibit their products and services; **[GN 60/10]**

(b) does not include an event organized for one day for fund-raising purposes by an educational, a governmental or a non-governmental organization; **[GN 60/10]**

“**organiser**” means an applicant who has obtained authorization to hold a trade fair or an exhibition under these regulations;

“**participant**” means a Mauritian or foreign person to whom, or a Mauritian or foreign company or association to which, a stand in the trade fair or exhibition is, or is to be, allocated by the applicant or organizer, as the case may be;

“**trade fair**” means a commercial event of a period of not less than one day, nor more than 10 days, at a specific place where participants are allowed both to exhibit and to sell their products and services; **[GN 60/10]**

“**rental**”, in relation to a rented building or premises –

- (a) means the amount paid as rent for the use of the building or premises for the holding of a trade or exhibition;
- (b) includes any amount paid to the owner or lessor of the building or premises, or to any other person, for electricity or water services in connection with the use of the building or premises for the holding of a trade fair or exhibition; **[GN 94/06]**

3. (1) Any person wishing to hold a trade fair or an exhibition shall apply to the Minister for authorization in the form set out in the First Schedule, not less than one month before the proposed first day of the trade fair or exhibition. **[GN 23/06]**

- (2) No authorization shall be given for the holding of a trade fair or exhibition –
 - (a) on 12 March;
 - (b) on 1 May; and
 - (c) at any time during the month of December

(3) No person shall hold a trade fair or exhibition suggestive of a form of patronage from a state, an international organization or a national organization, unless he has obtained a written authorization from that state or organization. **[GN 213/08]**

(4) No person shall be authorized to hold a trade fair or an exhibition more than once monthly. **[GN 60/10]**

4. (1) No trade fair or exhibition shall be held unless the Minister has given his written authorization upon an application made under regulation 3.

(2) No authorization shall be given for the holding of a trade fair or exhibition at any time during the month of December.

5. (1) The Minister may grant an application, subject to -

- (a) payment by the applicant to the Accountant General -
 - (i) where the applicant is the sole participant, of a fee of 25,000 rupees; **[GN 213/08]**
 - (ii) where there is more than one participant and -

- (A) Subject to paragraph (c), the trade fair or exhibition is to be held in rented building or rented premises, of a fee of 150,000 rupees; **[GN 213/08]**
 - (B) the trade fair or exhibition is to be held in a temporary shed, marquee or other temporary structure, on public grounds or on school premises, of a fee of 50,000 rupees; **[GN 213/08]**
 - (iii) where the trade fair or exhibition is to be held for a period of one day or 2 days, of a fee of 10,000 rupees. **[GN 60/10]**
 - (b) compliance by the applicant with the conditions specified in the Second Schedule; and
 - (c) such other conditions as he may think fit to impose, or may reject the application.
- (2) The Minister may -
- (a) where the organizer fails to comply with any condition specified in the Second Schedule or imposed under paragraph (1)(c), direct the organizer to comply with the condition forthwith or within such time as the Minister may specify;
 - (b) where the organizer fails to comply with a directive issued under paragraph (a), revoke the authorization **[GN 23/06]**.

6. The Consumer Protection (Trade Fair and Exhibition) Regulations 2003 are revoked.

Made by the Minister on 22nd April 2003