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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: MAURITIUS If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: National Plant Protection Office, Ministry of Agro industry and Food Security
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plant, plant products and other regulated products under the Plant Protection Act of 2006
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Requirement for a Plant Import Permit for consignment in transit. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2
6. Description of content: Agricultural Commodities are regularly transiting on the Mauritian territory. These include commodities that are not authorised for regular importation in the country, for biosecurity reasons. This measure is an enforcement of the Plant Protection Act of 2006, to ensure the safe transit, landing/shipping of plant, plant products and other regulated products on the Mauritian Territory. Any importer wishing to transit plant, plant products or other regulated products under the Plant Protection Act of 2006 would have to apply for a Plant Import Permit.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Urgent measures are being implemented to manage phytosanitary risks associated with commodities that are not authorised for regular importation but which are transiting on our territory. These measures have become necessary to ensure that these consignments do not constitute potential biosecurity threat to the country during the transit period.
9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No 25 <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
10.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 19 June 2017 with immediate effect.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade (International Trade Division) 3rd Fl, Fooks House Bourbon Street Port-Louis MAURITIUS Tel: +(230) 208 1662 Fax: +(230) 210 8145 E-mail: vidan_2@yahoo.com</p> <p>National Plant Protection Office Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security Agricultural Services Rduit, Mauritius Tel: +(230) 464 4872 Fax: +(230) 465 9591 E-mail: moa-pathology@govmu.org</p>
13.	Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: