

The Consumer Protection (Trade Fair and Exhibition) Regulations 2003

GN 50/2003

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 authorisation 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;
- (b) does not include an event organised for one day for fund-raising purposes by an educational, a governmental or a non-governmental organisation;

"organiser" means an applicant who has obtained authorisation 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 organiser, as the case may be;

"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;

Added by [\[GN No. 94 of 2006\]](#)

"trade fair" –

- (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 both to exhibit and to sell their products and services;

- (b) does not include an event organised for one day for fund-raising purposes by an educational, a governmental or a non-governmental organisation;

Amended by [\[GN No. 23 of 2006\]](#); [\[GN No. 60 of 2010\]](#)

- 3. (1) Any person wishing to hold a trade fair or an exhibition shall apply to the Minister for authorisation 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.

Amended by [\[GN No. 23 of 2006\]](#)

- (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.

- (4) No person shall be authorised to hold a trade fair or an exhibition more than once monthly.

Amended by [\[GN No. 62 of 2003\]](#); [\[GN No. 213 of 2008\]](#); [\[GN No. 60 of 2010\]](#)

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

- (ii) where there is more than one participant and-

- (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;

(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;

(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;

(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 organiser fails to comply with any condition specified in the Second Schedule or imposed under paragraph (1)(c), direct the organiser to comply with the condition forthwith or within such time as the Minister may specify;

(b) where the organiser fails to comply with a directive issued under paragraph (a), revoke the authorisation.

Amended by [\[GN No. 23 of 2006\]](#); [\[GN No. 213 of 2008\]](#); [\[GN No. 60 of 2010\]](#)

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

FIRST SCHEDULE

(regulation 3(1))

HOLDING OF TRADE FAIR/EXHIBITION

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION

1. Particulars of Applicant –

Name of Applicant –

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Address –.....

Contact Person –

Title –.....

Telephone Number –.....

Telex Number –.....

Fax Number –.....

2. Title of trade fair/exhibition* -
 (*delete as appropriate)

 Theme –
 Objectives –.....

3. Articles to be exhibited/sold* -
 (*delete as appropriate)

4. Location –.....
 Details:
 (a) Address –
 (b) Type of building –.....
 (c) Owner of building –.....
 (d) Address of owner –
 (e) Area of building –square metres

5. Rental paid by applicant (Documentary evidence to be produced in original)

6. Proposed Dates –
 From.....To.....

7. No. of stands –

8. No. of participants expected -
 Local –.....
 Foreign –
 (Prime Minister's approval required in case of foreign applicant)

9. Rental charges per stand

10. Entry fee -.....

11. Estimated Expenditure-.....

12. Measures to be taken in relation to the following:-
 (with supporting evidence where applicable)
 (a) Security –

- (b) After-event cleaning –
- (c) Health –
- (d) Sanitation –
- (e) Provision of parking facilities –

13. Documents to be submitted -

- (a) Local Authority authorisation
- (b) Authorisation of owner of premises
- (c) Insurance
- (d) Public liability insurance

DECLARATION

I/We hereby declare that the particulars given in his application are, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, true and correct, and that I/we shall comply with the Fair Trading Act and all other applicable laws.

Signature(s).....

Name(s) of person(s) signing*:

National Identity No.

or Company/ Association Registration No.

Date:

Title or capacity of person(s) signing*

(*Where applicant is a company or association)

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Amended by [\[GN No. 23 of 2006\]](#); [\[GN No. 94 of 2006\]](#)

SECOND SCHEDULE
(regulation 5)

CONDITIONS

1. Every organiser and participant shall comply strictly with the laws relating to consumer protection and the Fair Trading Act.
2. The area of each stand shall not be less than 9 square metres, and walking space of not less than 2 metres shall be provided for the public between any 2 rows of stands.
3. Every stand shall be occupied by not more than one participant and shall, in no circumstances, be sublet to any person, company or association other than the participant named in the application form.

4. The organiser shall provide a desk on the premises where the trade fair or exhibition is held, for the Consumer Protection Unit of the Ministry responsible for the subject of consumer protection to receive and attend to any public enquiry or complaint.

5. The organiser shall provide an identification badge to each participant, a sample of which shall be submitted to the Ministry responsible for the subject of commerce, not less than 2 weeks before the proposed first day of the trade fair or exhibition.

Added by [\[GN No. 23 of 2006\]](#)