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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Co-operation of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions and Regional and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of Mauritius and has the honour to enclose herewith information regarding the main regulations governing diplomatic exemptions and duty free privileges accorded to diplomatic Missions and agents accredited to Mauritius

The Ministry wishes to inform that restrictions on the quota established on duty free purchases/imports have to be maintained. Further, all requests that are submitted should be supported by relevant airway bills/bills of lading together with invoices, packing lists and a 'bonafide' list of contents of the packages. The Forms should be submitted not later than 2 days as from the date of application and should bear the following:-

- (i) the signature of the **privileged** persons.
- (ii) the signature of the **Head of Mission or Chargé d'Affaires a.i. and**
- (iii) the Seal of the Mission

Although all requests for exemption certificates are processed and cleared with the least possible delay, it has been noted that Missions keep on calling at the Ministry to enquire about these requests.

In view of the above, Missions are requested to liaise directly with the relevant agencies and request them to comply with the annexed regulations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Co-operation of the Republic of Mauritius avails of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions and Regional and International Organisations based in Mauritius the assurances of its highest consideration.

**All Diplomatic Missions,
Regional and International Organisations**



CIGARETTES

20,000 cigarettes or 100 pounds of tobacco inclusive of cigars and pipe tobacco.

OTHER ARTICLES

A diplomatic agent is entitled to acquire only one of the following items at duty free prices during his posting in Mauritius.

- (i) TV set
- (ii) Video Set
- (iii) Hifi equipment
- (iv) Refrigerator
- (v) Washing Machine
- (vi) Cooker
- (vii) Vacuum cleaner, radio cassette, and any other electric appliances provided the market price of the item exceeds Rs1,500.
- (viii) 24 videos cassettes per year

At the time of departure, the diplomatic agent is required to either export the articles purchased duty free or pay the aggregate duty leviable on the items, should these be sold to non-privileged person.

Administrative/Technical staff of Missions are also allowed to purchase the above named articles free of duty at the time of first installation only (i.e. within 6 months from the date of arrival of the Officer.

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DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES TO REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Indian Ocean Commission
Secrétaire Général

All "agents du personnel de grade supérieur désignés par le Secrétaire Général" are eligible for duty free purchases as are diplomats:

Cars: 3 per mission	3600 gallons of petrol per year
All Officer: 1 for personal use	600 " " "
1 for family use (if married)	600 " " "

Drinks: Head of Mission 12 cases H/Liquor 30 cases wine
 "Agents" 12 cases " 18

Cigarettes: 20,000 units

Other Articles commonly used

(Article 12 de l'Accord de Siege)

UNICEF

Representative of UNICEF

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Asst Programme Officer

Information Communication 12 cases H/Liquor 18 cases wine

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