
Committee on Import Licensing

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NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING
PROCEDURES UNDER ARTICLE 7.3 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

Replies of MAURITIUS to Questions from AUSTRALIA²

The following communication, dated 17 July 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Mauritius.

Question

Please justify the quota system and why details about the quota allocation are not published?

Reply

Only two items are under quota viz: common table salt and coconut oil. The importation of salt was in fact under complete restriction prior to the year 1994 for the purpose of protecting our local owners of salt pans. As a first step towards the import liberalization of salt, the Ministry of Trade and Shipping has decided to issue import permits on a quota basis. As regards coconut oil, the Ministry of Health has advised that this product should be imported and consumed in small quantity in view of its high contents of unsaturated fats and cholesterol, which is presumed to cause hypertension.

Question

Notification indicates that the quantum of quotas is not published, and we question the consistency of this practice with the requirement of Article 3.5(b) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

Reply

Details about the quota allocation are not published in view of the confidential nature of the information. As a matter of fact the importers themselves are not keen to have the details published in the press. However, for the sake of transparency, the possibility of publishing the details is actually being considered.

The quantum of quotas to be allocated to each importer is not given wide publication through the media in view of the confidential nature of the information. However, each quota holder is kept aware officially of his entitlement and the total allocation.

¹G/LIC/N/3/MUS/1.

²See Understanding reached by the Committee on Import Licensing (G/LIC/M/4, paragraphs 5, 6, 9 and 10).

ANNEX³

List of traditional importers of coconut oil and refined table salt

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1.	Flavorite Ltd.	Candos Road, Vacoas
2.	Soap and Allied Industries Ltd.	Plaine Lauzun
3.	Mauritius Biscuit Making Ltd.	Plaine Lauzun
4.	J.L. Food Industries Ltd.	Allée des Manguiers, Pailles
5.	Fon Esko Food Ltd.	Morc. de l'Anse Courtois, Pailles
6.	Priya F.B. Enterprises	12 Solferino No. 3, Vacoas
7.	Mauritius Cosmetics Ltd.	Bonne Terre, Vacoas
8.	M.R. Patten	Motais Street, Port Louis
9.	Soc. Muthy Bros.	7 Farquhar Street, Port Louis
10.	Prest Plastic Ltd.	BK D, Industrial Zone, Plaine Lauzun
11.	Doorgah Trading Co.	1 Joseph Rivière Street, Port Louis
12.	Ramdanee Bros. & Co. Ltd.	19 Queen Street, Port Louis
13.	Abdullah Ebrahim & Co.	Queen Street, Port Louis
14.	Ste. C.S. Sonah & Co.	18 Louis Pasteur Street, Port Louis
15.	J. Mohamedally	Queen Street, Port Louis
16.	Ms. M. Veerapen	Granam Road, Vacoas
17.	R. Beenessreesingh	Queen Street, Port Louis
18.	P.H. Chui Hon Lap & Bros.	Leoville L'Homme Street, Port Louis
19.	A. R. Mohamedally	Rue La Reine, Port Louis
20.	Ms. A.C. Powline & Co.	Ste. Road, Sainte Croix
21.	M.H. Owadally & Co. Ltd.	7 Farquhar Street, Port Louis
22.	How Tai Wah & Co. Ltd.	31 Queen Street, Port Louis

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23. Mtius Consumer's Cooperative Federation Ltd. Plaine Lauzum
24. Lam Wai Yam & Co. 36 Queen Street, Port Louis
25. Chan Chung & Sons Co. Ltd. 29 Queen Street, Port Louis
26. Succ. Dawood Jhurry PO Box 504, Port Louis
27. Ibrahim Ramsarran PO Box 834, Port Louis
28. P & P International Co. Ltd. PO Box 853, Port Louis
29. Société Bappoo & Co. 7 Farquhar Street, Port Louis
30. Foh Cheong & Co. Ltd. 12 Frère Félix de Valois Street, Port Louis
31. Li Shing Tit Royal Road, Port Louis
32. Mr. Rashid Elaheebocus Sir Scott Lane, Terre Rouge
33. Dransk International Ltd. 2E Ghooru Avenue, Belle Rose, Quatre Bornes
34. Happy Land Ltd. 59 Volcy Pougnet Street, Port Louis
35. Issany Suleiman Ismael 2 Quay Street, Port Louis
36. Ms. Liu Chen Kiow Bros. & Co. Louis Pasteur Street, Port Louis
37. K.L. Chung For Yuen 12 Corderie Street, Port Louis
38. The East Indies Co. Ltd. Stage 6, Industrial Zone, Plaine Lauzun
39. Edible Food Marketing Ltd. Royal Road, Montagne Blanche
40. Fo Forn Lee Luen Len Palma, Quatre Bornes
41. Sungold Trading Ltd. 19 Royal Street, Port Louis
42. Sik Yuen Trading Ltd. Royal Road, Curepipe
43. Succ. Li Sing Kok 27 Queen Street, Port Louis
44. Lai Ming Tong 26 Etienne Pellereau Street, Port Louis
45. Ah Koye Ha Chow & Co. Ltd. 34 Jummah Mosque Street, Port Louis
46. China Products Co. Ltd. 13 Dr. Joseph Rivière Street, Port Louis
47. Chu Ching Kow 19 Emmanuel Anquetil Street, Port Louis
48. Ravin Basantrai Royal Road, Montagne Blanche

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| 49. | Crystal Marketing Co. Ltd. | Corderie Street, Port Louis |
| 50. | Asgarally Adamjee | Block A1, Avenue des Lias, Vallée des Prêtres,
Port Louis |