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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THE DECISION ON NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES  
FOR QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS**

MAURITIUS

The following communication, dated 3 September 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mauritius.

<b>A. Notifying Member:</b> Mauritius
<b>B. Date of notification:</b> 3 September 2018
<b>C. First time notification:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, last notification was made in (doc. symbol): G/MA/QR/N/MUS/3
<b>D. Type of notification:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Complete (i.e. notification of all quantitative restrictions in force) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Changes to a notification previously made in (doc symbol) which are of the following nature: <input type="checkbox"/> 2.1 Introduction of new restrictions, as listed in Section 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2.2 Elimination of restrictions, as described in G below. <input type="checkbox"/> 2.3 Modification of a previously notified restriction, as described in Section 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Reverse notification of restrictions maintained by (Member):
<b>E. The notification provides information for the following biennial period <u>2018-2020</u> and relates to restrictions in force as of August 2018</b>
<b>F. This notification contains information* relating to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Section 1:</b> List of quantitative restrictions that are currently in force. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Section 2:</b> Cross-reference to other WTO notifications with information on quantitative restrictions that are currently in force and additional information.
<b>G. Comments of a general nature, including a description of the elimination of restrictions notified under D.2.2 and the date they ceased to be in force.</b>

\* In English only.

**Section 1: List of quantitative restrictions that are currently in force**

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1.	Quota system on the importation of dry whole onions	GQ	0703.10.00	Dry Whole Onions	Article XI (2) (a): General Elimination of Quantitative Restrictions of the GATT: To restrict the quantities of the like domestic product permitted to be marketed or produced.	Mauritius Agricultural Marketing Act 1963 and Regulations as amended in November 2013.	A Licensing system is in place to allow private importers to import a specified quantity over a given period of time.
2	Quota system on the importation of fresh whole potatoes	GQ	0701.90.00	Fresh whole potato	Article XI (2) (a): General Elimination of Quantitative Restrictions of the GATT- To restrict the quantities of the like domestic product permitted to be marketed or produced.	Mauritius Agricultural Marketing Act 1963 and Regulations as amended in November 2013.	A Licensing system is in place to allow private importers to import a specified quantity over a given period of time.
3	Import and export are limited through a system of permits for orchids under CITES	NAL NAL-X	0603.13.00	Orchids under CITES	Article XX(b) of GATT- General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health  And CITES Convention	In accordance with Section 39(1) of the Native Terrestrial Biodiversity of the National Parks Act 2015.	Administered by National Parks & Conservation Service under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security Permits from the Director of National Parks and Conservation Services are needed for Import and Export in accordance with Section 39(1) of the Native

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							Terrestrial Biodiversity of the National Parks Act 2015.
4	Import and export are limited through a system of permits for endangered plant and animal species	NAL NAL-X	Various chapters	Endemic plant varieties and endangered species	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health  And CITES Convention	In accordance with Section 39(1) of the Native Terrestrial Biodiversity of the National Parks Act 2015.	Administered by National Parks & Conservation Service under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security Permits from the Director of National Parks and Conservation Services are needed for Import and Export in accordance with Section 39(1) of the Native Terrestrial Biodiversity of the National Parks Act 2015.
5	Prohibition to import items containing Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)	P	Various chapters	The following items containing Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) as refrigerant or blowing agentRefrigerators, freezers, refrigerating cabinets, showcases, counters and other refrigerating or freezing furnitures, chilling	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health  Article XX(g) of GATT-General Exceptions - relating to the conversation	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	

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				units, coolers, air conditioners (including motor vehicle air conditioners), automatic beverage-vending machines, incorporating refrigerating devices, cold-room equipment, refrigerated transport vehicles, refrigerator insulation, freezer insulation, foam packings, dehumidifiers, fishing boat refrigeration equipment, and styrofoam	of exhaustible natural resources if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production and consumption  And commitment to Montreal Protocol		
6	Administrative control on the import and export of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) since 2013	GQ	Various chapters	HCFCs refrigerants are administratively controlled through a quota system. Importers are required to seek a clearance from the Ministry of Environment, SD&DBM (Focal Point for Montreal Protocol). An import permit, under the Dangerous Chemicals Control Act, is granted once clearance is secured.	Article XX(b)) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health  Article XX(g) of GATT-General Exceptions - relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production and consumption  And commitment to Montreal Protocol	Dangerous Chemical Control Act 2004 (Importers are required to seek a clearance from the Ministry of Environment, SD&DBM (Focal Point for Montreal Protocol). An import permit, under the Dangerous Chemicals Control Act, is granted once clearance is secured)	
7	Administrative ban on halons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl chloroform and methyl	CP	Various chapters	There is an administrative ban on halons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl chloroform. Methyl bromide is	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life	Arrangements are made immediately with stakeholders following decision	

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	bromide			also banned, except for certain critical uses during preshipment and quarantine.	or health  Article XX(g) of GATT-General Exceptions - relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production and consumption  And commitment to Montreal Protocol	at international level.	
8	Ban on import of plastic bags, including non-woven polypropylene bags	P	3923.21.10 3923.21.20 3923.21.90 3923.29.10 3923.29.20 3923.29.90 4202.92.11	The import, manufacture, sale or supply of a plastic bag, with or without handles or gussets, and irrespective of their size or type is banned, and includes a non-woven polypropylene bag. The regulations specifically target plastic bags designed to carry goods purchased at a point of sale such as a wholesale or retail outlet, a market, a fair and a hawker. However, the import or manufacture of biodegradable and compostable plastic bags has to be in conformity with standards prescribed in the Third Schedule of the Regulations	Article XX(b)) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health  Article XX(g) of GATT-General Exceptions - relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production and consumption	Regulations: Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2015	

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9	Prohibition to import the 12 POPs of the Stockholm Convention are prohibited.	P	Various chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dioxins, Furans and PCBs for the Industrial Chemicals;</li> <li>Aldrin, Chlordane, DDT, Dieldrin, Endrin, Heptachlor, HCB, Mirex and Toxaphene for the Agricultural Chemicals</li> </ul>	<p>Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health</p> <p>And commitment to the Stockholm Convention</p>	The Dangerous Chemicals Control Act 2004	
10	Prohibition to import Aerosol spray containing benzene	P	2902.20.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
11	Prohibition to import any jelly confectionery, including jelly mini cups or mini capsules which are intended for human consumption and contain E425(konjac), including konjac gum or konjac glucomannane	P	1704.90.00 2106.90.90	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
12	Prohibition to import any jelly mini cup or mini capsule which is intended for human consumption and which contains food additives E400 (alginic acid), E401 (sodium alginate), E402 (potassium alginate), E403 (ammonium	P	1704.90.00 2106.90.90	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	

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	alginate), E404 (calcium alginate), E405 (propane -1,2 - diol alginate), E406 (agar), E407 (carrageenan), E407a (processed eucheuma seaweed), E410 (locust bean gum), E412 (guar gum), E 413 (tragacanth), E414 (acacia gum), E415 (xanthan gum), E417 (tara gum) and E418 (gellan gum)						
13	Prohibition to import batteries containing mercury	P	8506.30.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
14	Prohibition to import bull bars	P	8708.99.90	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
15	Prohibition to import containers performing the function of "aerosols" using C.F.C's (chlorofluocarbons) and HCFC's (Hydrochlorofluorocarbons) as propellant with contents other than	P	Various chapters	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	

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	pharmaceutical products						
16	Prohibition to import cosmetic products containing vitamin K1 (phytonadione)	P	3304.99.00 3307.90.90	-	Article XX(b) of GATT- General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
17	Prohibition to import crocidolite (blue asbestos) and its products	P	2524.10.00 2524.90.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT- General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
18	Prohibition to import electric water heater with bare element and parts and accessories thereof	P	8516.10.00 8516.90.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT- General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
19	Prohibition to import explosive caps for toy pistols and guns containing a mixture of potassium chlorate and red phosphorus	P	3604.90.90	-	Article XX(b) of GATT- General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
20	Prohibition to import fire crackers of a type commonly known as <i>petards rapés</i>	P	3604.90.90	-	Article XX(b) of GATT- General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
21	Prohibition to import fishing hook of small size, other than those meant for re-exportation only after processing	P	9507.20.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT- General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	



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22	Prohibition to import incandescent lamps of 75 watts and above	P	8539.21.10 8539.29.10 8539.29.20 8539.29.90 8539.21.20 8539.21.90 8539.22.10 8539.22.20 8539.22.90	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
23	Prohibition to import ivory and Tortoise shell	P	0507.10.00 0507.90.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
24	Prohibition to import kerosene stoves of a type commonly known as <i>lampes vertes</i> and parts thereof	P	7321.12.00 7321.90.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
25	Prohibition to import motor vehicle rubber tyres which have been remoulded, recapped or regrooved	P	4012.11.00 4012.12.00 4012.13.00 4012.19.00 4012.90.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
26	Prohibition to import polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) and its products	P	2710.91.00 3824.82.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
27	Prohibition to import polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and its products	P	2710.91.00 3824.82.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	

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28	Prohibition to import polychlorinated terphenyls (PCT) and its products	P	2710.91.00 3824.82.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
29	Prohibition to import portable electric lamps commonly known as laser penlights/torches of one MW (miliwatt) or more	P	8513.10.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
30	Prohibition to import sugar and chocolate confectionary and bubble/chewing gum in the form of cigarettes	P	1704.10.90 1704.90.90 1806.10.00 1806.20.00 1806.31.00 1806.32.00 1806.90.10 1806.90.90	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
31	Prohibition to import toy known as Yoyo water ball	P	9503.00.99	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
32	Prohibition to import toy motorcyclists helmets	P	9503.00.99	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
33	Prohibition to import toy pistols and guns with projectiles	P	9503.00.99	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	

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34	Prohibition to import underwater fishing guns	P	9303.00.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
35	Prohibition to import white phosphorous matches	P	3605.00.00	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	
36	Prohibition to import PVC Teether and electric lamp	P	3926.90.90 8513.10.00 Heading 94.05 excluding parts	-	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health	The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017	

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37	Ban on import of a tobacco product for use in connection with a water pipe.	P	2403.11.00	As per the provisions of the Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008, Tobacco Product means any cigarette, cigar or a product composed in whole or in part of tobacco, including tobacco leaves or any extract of tobacco leaves or any mixture containing tobacco and also includes pipe tobacco, green tobacco, leaf tobacco, manufactured tobacco, cigarette papers, tubes or filters but excludes any product prescribed by a medical practitioner as a nicotine replacement therapy; and Waterpipe means a device from which smoke of a tobacco product is drawn through water and a long tube and also includes a hookah.	Article XX(b) of GATT-General Exceptions - Necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health  And WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC)	In accordance with Regulations 6(d) of the Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008	

**Section 2: Cross-reference to other WTO notifications with information on quantitative restrictions that are currently in force**

This section shall be filled by Members in case a notification made pursuant to another notification requirement (e.g. set in the Agreement on Agriculture, Agreement on Balance of Payments, Agreement on Safeguards, and the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, etc.) contains information on a quantitative restriction in force and which is not listed in Section 1.

**1. Agreement on Agriculture**

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes ☐ No ☒
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

**2. Agreement on Balance of Payments**

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes ☐ No ☒
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

**3. Agreement on Safeguards**

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes ☐ No ☒
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

**4. Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures (non-automatic licences)**

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes ☐ No ☒
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

**5. Other notifications**

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction in other notifications? Yes ☐ No ☒
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:
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