

Prohibited and restricted goods

Prohibited Goods

Prohibited goods are those goods for which importation and exportation have been completely banned for reasons linked to health, environment, protection of endangered species of flora and fauna, security, legislation etc. These items shall be liable to forfeiture by customs and the person may be liable to a penalty.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of such items:

Prohibited Imports as per the Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017

1. Aerosol spray containing benzene
2. All round logs and timber products from Liberia
3. Any jelly confectionary, including jelly mini cups or mini capsules which are intended for human consumption and contain E425 (konjac), including konjac gum or konjac glucomannane
4. Any jelly mini cup or any jelly mini capsule which is intended for human consumption and which contains food additives E400(alginic acid), E401(sodium alginate), E402(potassium alginate), E403(ammonium 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), E413(tragacanth), E414(acacia gum), E415(xanthan gum), E417(tara gum) and E418(gellan gum)
5. Ball valve bottles
6. Batteries containing mercury
7. Bull Bars
8. Containers performing the function of “aerosols” using C.F.C’s (Chlorofluorocarbons) and HCFC’s (Hydrochlorofluorocarbons) as propellant with contents other than pharmaceutical products
9. Cosmetic products containing Vitamin K1 (Phytonadione)
10. Crocidolite (blue asbestos) and its products
11. Electric Water Heater with bare element and parts and accessories thereof.
12. Explosives caps for toy pistols and guns containing a mixture of potassium chlorate and red phosphorus
13. Fire crackers of a type commonly known as ‘*pétards rapés*’
14. Fishing hook of small size, other than those meant for re-exportation only after processing
15. Incandescent lamps of 75 watts and above
16. Items containing C.F.C’s (Chlorofluorocarbons) and HCFC’s (Hydrochlorofluorocarbons) as refrigerant or blowing agent: refrigerators, freezers, refrigerating cabinets, showcases, counters and other refrigerating or freezing furnitures, chilling 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
17. Ivory and Tortoise Shell
18. Kerosene stoves of a type commonly known as "lampes vertes" and parts thereof
19. “Motorcyclists” full face protective helmets (crash helmets) equipped with tinted plastic shield

20. Motor vehicle rubber tyres which, have been remoulded, recapped or regrooved
21. Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) and its products
22. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and its products
23. Polychlorinated terphenyls (PCT) and its products
24. Portable electric lamps commonly known as laser penlights/torches of 1 MW (milliwatt) or more
25. PVC teethers and teething rings
26. Rolling machines, other than rolling machines of industrial types, used to manufacture cigarettes
27. “Roll your own cigarettes” papers’ imported under HS Code No. 48.13
28. Second-hand motor vehicles as follows –

a. Motorcars, including sports vehicles, crossover and jeep-type motor vehicles	Below 18 months and above 4 years from the date of first registration, at the date of shipment, except for the first vehicle imported by an individual importer
b. Dual purpose vehicles , including 2x4 and 4x4 doublecab truck but excluding van and double- cab heavy duty lorry	Below 18 months and above 3 years from the date of first registration, at the date of shipment, except for the first vehicle imported by an individual importer
c. Goods vehicles (lorries, including double-cab heavy duty lorries and trucks other than 2x4 and 4x4 double-cab trucks)	Above 6 years from the date of first registration, at the date of shipment, except for the first vehicle imported by an individual importer
d. Vans, other than motor buses, designed to carry goods and/or to carry not more than 7 persons including the driver	Above 4 years from the date of first registration, at the date of shipment, except for the first vehicle imported by an individual importer
e. Motor buses	Above 3 years from the date of first registration , at the date of shipment, except for the first vehicle imported by an individual importer

29. Spare parts and accessories of second-hand motor vehicles specified hereunder:
 - (a) ball joints;
 - (b) bearings;
 - (c) belts;
 - (d) body shells of motor cars or any parts of motor cars originally welded by the manufacturer to their structured body shells or chassis;
 - (e) brake linings;
 - (f) chassis and parts thereof;
 - (g) clutch nut and parts thereof
 - (h) coil spring, leaf spring and torsion bar;
 - (i) engine mountings;
 - (j) filters;
 - (k) hoses;
 - (l) injector nozzles;

- (m) jacks;
- (n) macpherson strut assembly;
- (o) oil seals;
- (p) second-hand motor vehicles tyres;
- (q) shock absorbers;
- (r) tubes and wheels;

- 30. Sugar and chocolate confectionary and bubble/chewing gum in the form of cigarettes
- 31. Toy known as "Yoyo water ball"
- 32. Toy motor-cyclists' helmets.
- 33. Toy pistols and guns with projectiles
- 34. Tris (2, 3 – Dibromopropyl) Phospate and its products
- 35. Underwater fishing guns
- 36. White phosphorous matches
- 37. Any goods, including any paintings, picture or design on the goods which is likely to cause outrage against any religion, or against good morals or against public and religious morality.
- 38. COVID-19 rapid antibody test.

Prohibited Imports as per the Customs Act

- 1. Base or counterfeit coin;
- 2. Manufactured articles bearing the name, address or trade mark of any manufacturer or dealer or the name of any place, calculated to impart to those articles a special character of manufacture which they do not actually possess,

And any other goods the import of which is for the time being prohibited by any other enactment.

Restricted Imports as per the Consumer Protection (Shelf Life of Imported food Products) Regulations 2020

No person shall import a food product unless the food product has a shelf life of at least 50 per cent at the time of shipment.

FOOD PRODUCTS

- 1. Canned pulses
- 2. Chili sauces
- 3. Dairy drinks
- 4. Flavored milk
- 5. Margarine
- 6. Pickles
- 7. Soya sauces
- 8. Spread
- 9. Tomato sauces
- 10. Yoghurt

Restricted / Controlled Goods

Restricted/controlled goods may be imported or exported provided the importer or exporter has the necessary authorization/permits. For example, foodstuffs will require the proper permits from Health and or Agricultural Authorities. Plants and plant products require clearance from the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security. Weights and balances require authorisation from the Legal Metrology Services and pharmaceutical products from the Government Pharmacist.

It must be noted that, in case the authorities refuse to approve the application for a permit due to various reasons such as health, phyto-sanitary or security hazards, the imported goods would be liable to seizure.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of such items:

Restricted imports as per the Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulation 2017

1. Wheat or meslin flour
2. Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals crude
3. Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals other than crude oil, white spirit, lubricating oil and greases
4. Broken Rice
5. Basmati rice in the husk (paddy or rough)
6. Other rice in the husk (paddy or rough)
7. Basmati husked (brown) rice
8. Other husked (brown) rice
9. Basmati semi-milled or wholly milled rice whether or not polished or glazed
10. Other semi-milled or wholly milled rice whether or not polished or glazed
11. Fireworks (including fireworks commonly known as "pétards")
12. Firecrackers and the like
13. Rough diamonds
14. Gold (including gold plated with platinum) unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form
15. Waste and scrap of gold including metal clad with gold but excluding sweepings containing other precious metals
16. Weighing machinery (trade use)
17. Fishing vessels, factory ships and other vessels for processing or preserving fishery products.
18. Balances (trade use)

1. Games operated by coins, banknotes, bank cards, tokens or by other means of payment under HS Codes 9504.30.11, 9504.30.19, 9504.30.91 and 9504.30.99.
2. Second-hand motor vehicles

Restricted Exports as per the First Schedule to the Consumer Protection (Export Control) Regulations 2000

1. Rice
2. Wheat or Meslin flour
3. Sand
4. Limestone
5. Cement
6. Textiles and textile-articles for export to USA and Canada
7. Rough diamonds

The above lists indicate the most common prohibited and restricted goods.

Below is a table indicating these goods together with the relevant Ministries/Agencies concerned. Websites email and contact numbers are also indicated.

Prohibited & Restricted Imports/Exports	Ministry/Agency	Website Address	Contacts
Animals, poultry, pig, cats/dogs etc...	Division of Veterinary Services, Ministry of agro-Industry and Food Security	http://agriculture.govmu.org/English/Pages/Services/Permits%20and%20Licenses/Veterinary-Services.aspx	moa-dvs@govmu.org 454 1016 454 1017
Second hand motorvehicles and parts, laser pointer/penlights of 1MW or more, rough diamonds, roll your own cigarettes papers, ivory and tortoise shell, underwater fishing guns, toy pistols with projectiles, scrap metal, etc...	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection (MICCP)	http://commerce.govmu.org/English/Legislations/Pages/Acts-and-Regulations.aspx	mcom@govmu.org 210-3774/75/76 210-3654/55 210-3874

Jewellery and precious stones	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection (MICCP)	http://industry.govmu.org/English/assay/Pages/default.aspx	assay@govmu.org 211 0612-14
Female sea turtle, hook of small size, fish and fish product etc...	Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Island	http://fisheries.govmu.org/English/Legislation/Pages/Regulations.aspx	fishadmin@govmu.org 211 2470 211 2475
National Heritage, archival material, films etc...	Ministry of Arts and Culture	http://culture.govmu.org/English/Rules-Regulations-Policies/Pages/default.aspx	moac@govmu.org 212 2112 210 3117 210 0592
Radioactive material, Radioactive substances, Radioactive waste, x-ray equipment and other sources capable of emitting ionizing etc...	Ministry of Public Utilities	http://publicutilities.govmu.org/English/Documents/Legislation/rpa1.pdf	mpu@govmu.org 405 6700 rpa@govmu.org 208 0307
Plastic bags, hazardous waste, refrigerants etc...	Ministry of Environment	http://environment.govmu.org/English/Pages/Legislations.aspx	menv@govmu.org 210 5252 208 9224 203 6200

Foodstuff	Ministry of Health and Quality of Life (MOH)	http://health.govmu.org/English/Legislations/Pages/default.aspx	moh@govmu.org 210 1345 201 2175
Pharmaceuticals, E-cigarettes, Flavoured tobacco for water pipe.	Pharmacy Board (MOH)	http://health.govmu.org/English/Legislations/Pages/default.aspx	moh@govmu.org 201 2036 201 2175
Dangerous chemicals/pesticides	Dangerous Chemicals Control Board (MOH)	http://health.govmu.org/English/Legislations/Pages/default.aspx	moh@govmu.org 210 3701 201 2175
Any equipment capable of being used to intercept a message, telecommunication equipment, etc...	Information and Communication Technology Authority	http://mtci.govmu.org/English/Rules-Regulations-Policies/Pages/default.aspx https://www.icta.mu/home/home.html	icta@intnet.mu info@icta.mu 211 5333 211 5334
Tea, tobacco, meat etc...	National Agriculture Protection Regulatory Office (NAPRO)	http://agriculture.govmu.org/English/Pages/NAPRO/NAPRO.aspx	napromru@gmail.com 467 8043 467 8041 467 8046 467 8057 467 8046
Weapons, firearm, ammunitions and explosives, torch emitting electrical discharge	Police Department (Prime Minister's Office)	http://police.govmu.org/English/Pages/default.aspx	pmo@mail.govmu.org 208 0034

Sex toys Hemp products (hemp oil, hemp soap,etc...)			
Toys, helmet, etc...	Mauritius Standard Bureau	http://msb.intnet.mu/English/service/Pages/default.aspx	msb@intnet.mu 433 3648
Weighing instruments	Legal Metrology Services	http://commerce.govmu.org/English/Legislations/Pages/Acts-and-Regulations.aspx	208 1717 208 1671
Export of sugar	Sugar Syndicate	http://mauritiusugar.mu/index.php/en	contact@mauritiusugar.mu 212 08 14 212 08 15
Endangered species of Plants and Animals	National Parks and Conservation Services	http://npcs.govmu.org/English/Pages/default.aspx	npcs@govmu.org 464 4053
Plants and plant Products, sugar cane cuttings etc..	National Plant Protection Office	http://agriculture.govmu.org/English/Pages/Departments/National-Plant-Protection-Office.aspx	moa-pathology@govmu.org 454 1061 466 8960 464 4872 5422 .6344