

# Communiqué

## Organisation of Events

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection wishes to inform the public and, in particular, event organisers that the Consumer Protection (Events) Regulations 2013 have been promulgated and will become effective as from **1 January 2014**.

The term “event” will comprise three main categories; book sales, salon and trade fairs.

The following will be applicable as from **1 January 2014**:-

- (a) an “event” will exclude the holding of an education fair, a job fair or a market fair;
- (b) an “event” will also exclude a one day event organized for fund raising purposes by a charitable institution;
- (c) no “event” shall be organized within a distance of 200 metres of hospitals, schools, places of worship, or such other places as the Ministry may determine;
- (d) no person shall organize an “event” with a religious connotation;
- (e) no advertisement of an “event” shall be made without the prior authorization of the Ministry;
- (f) no authorisation shall be given for the holding of an event other than in the months of January, February, April, June, August and October;
- (g) no authorisation shall be given to a person for the holding of an event more than twice a year;
- (h) no authorization shall be given to a person who is the same director or is the shareholder in other companies more than twice a year;

- (i) no authorization shall be given for an event where health related goods will be displayed or put on sale without having obtained prior written clearance from the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life;
- (j) no authorization shall be given to a person organizing an event unless the full particulars of the beneficiary of the event is disclosed;
- (k) no authorization shall be given to a person if there is a negative previous report submitted by the Consumer Affairs Unit against him or he has failed to comply with any conditions attached to an authorization of a previous fair held within a period of 3 years prior to his application;
- (l) every organiser shall, within 15 days after the holding of an event, submit to the Ministry a return with all particulars;
- (m) as regards participation of a non-citizen of Mauritius in an “event”, the organiser will submit his application to the Ministry who will thereafter seek clearance from the Prime Minister’s Office in all cases involving foreign participation.
- (n) a penalty will be applicable to any person who breaches any condition or contravenes the Regulations. Such person may be liable to a fine not exceeding 100,000 rupees and to imprisonment not exceeding three years.
- (o) the following fees will be applicable:-

Event	No. of Days	Fees Applicable (Rs)		
		Local participants only	Local participants and foreign participants	Foreign participants only
Book Sales	1-10	-	-	-
Industrial/Business	1-10		50,000	100,000

Salon				
Trade Fair	1-3	200,000	-	-
	4-10	400,000	-	-
International book Sales	1-10	-	25,000	50,000
International Trade Fair	1-3	-	500,000	500,000
	4-10	-	850,000	850,000

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