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*Government Notice No ..... of 2018*

**THE FAIR TRADING ACT**

**Regulations made by the Minister under section 8 of the  
Fair Trading Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Steel Bars, Steel Wires and Steel Fabrics (Mauritian Standard Specifications) Regulations 2018.
2. In these regulations –

“Distributor” means any person engaged in the importation, sale or storage of steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics;

“Manufacturer” means any person engaged in the manufacture, sale or storage of steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics;

“MS 10” means the Mauritian Standard for steel bar declared in General Notice of 622 of 2015.

“MS 34” means the Mauritian Standard for steel wire declared in General Notice 622 of 2015.

“MS 35” means the Mauritian Standard for steel fabric declared in General Notice 622 of 2015.

“steel bar” means a steel product (ribbed and weldable) of any form of cross-section as rolled, including a rod of steel, used for the reinforcement of concrete;

“steel fabric” means a factory made welded steel fabric manufactured from plain or deformed steel bars or steel wires for the reinforcement of concrete

“steel wire” means plain, indented and ribbed steel wire used for the reinforcement of concrete products.

3. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), no person shall import or manufacture steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics which do not conform to the specifications of MS 10, MS 34 or MS 35 respectively.  
  
(2) Every person who intends to import or manufacture steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics which do not conform to the specifications of MS 10, MS 34 or MS 35 respectively shall obtain the prior written approval of the Minister.
4. Every manufacturer shall –
  - (a) subject any steel bar, steel wire or steel fabric manufactured, sold or stored by him to routine inspection and testing;
  - (b) keep a record of all the results of tests conducted under paragraph (a) and produce the record on demand to any authorised officer.
5. Every distributor shall –
  - (a) subject steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics manufactured, sold or stored by him to routine inspection and testing.
  - (b) keep a record of all the results of tests conducted under paragraph (a) and produce the record on demand to any authorised officer.
6. Every manufacturer or distributor shall on request, provide to a purchaser of any steel bar, steel wire or steel fabric a certificate showing the result of any test carried out on any sample of the steel bar, steel wire or steel fabric.

7. No manufacturer or distributor shall, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, have in his possession steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics which do not conform to the specifications of MS 10, MS 34 or MS 35 respectively.
8. No person shall obstruct an authorised officer in the performance of his functions under these regulations.
9. The Steel Bars and Steel Wires (Mauritian Standard Specifications) Regulations 1988 is repealed.
10. The Steel Bars, Steel Wires and Steel Fabrics (Mauritian Standard Specifications) Regulations 2018 will be effective as from May 2019.

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