
Government Notice No. 17 of 2026

**THE CONSUMER PROTECTION
(PRICE AND SUPPLIES CONTROL) ACT**

**Regulations made by the Minister under section 35 of the
Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Trade in Bunker Fuels) Regulations 2026.
2. In these regulations –
 - “Act” means the Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act;
 - “bunker fuels” has the same meaning as in the Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017;
 - “licensee” means the holder of a licence issued under regulation 6.
3. (1) No person shall carry on trade in bunker fuels unless he holds a licence.
 - (2) No licence shall be issued to any person unless the person is a company.
4. (1) Any person who intends to carry on trade in bunker fuels shall make an application to the Permanent Secretary for a licence.
 - (2) (a) An application for a licence under paragraph (1) shall –
 - (i) be made in the form set out in the First Schedule or in such other manner as the Permanent Secretary may determine;

- (ii) be accompanied by –
 - (A) the Certificate of Incorporation of the company;
 - (B) the Business Registration Card of the company;
 - (C) such documentary evidence as may be required to prove the experience of the company in trade of petroleum products and bunkering;
 - (D) the certificate of character of every director of the company; and
 - (E) the licence or clearance issued by the Mauritius Ports Authority.

5. The Permanent Secretary may, on receipt of an application under regulation 4 –

- (a) consult such person or authority as he considers necessary; and
- (b) request the applicant to furnish such additional information or document as he considers necessary.

6. (1) The Permanent Secretary may grant or refuse an application made under regulation 4.

(2) Where the Permanent Secretary grants the application, he shall –

- (a) on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Second Schedule; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as he may determine,

issue a licence in the form set out in the Third Schedule.

(3) Where the Permanent Secretary rejects the application, he shall, not later than 10 working days of his decision, inform the applicant in writing.

(4) A licence issued under paragraph (1) –

(a) shall be valid for a period of 12 months as from the date of issue;

(b) shall not be transferable; and

(c) may be renewed for further periods of 12 months.

7. (1) A licensee who intends to renew his licence shall, not later than one month before the expiry of the licence, make an application to the Permanent Secretary in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule.

(2) (a) Where the Permanent Secretary grants the application for renewal, he shall, on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Second Schedule, renew the licence.

(b) Where an application is made outside the delay specified in paragraph (1), the licensee shall, together with the renewal fee, pay a surcharge of 35 per cent of the renewal fee.

8. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), where the Permanent Secretary has reason to believe that a licensee –

(a) has ceased its business;

(b) has provided to the Permanent Secretary information which is false and misleading in any material particular;

(c) has breached any condition of the licence;

(d) has contravened the Act or any regulations made under the Act;

(e) is no longer a fit and proper person,

he may call upon the licensee to show cause as to why the licence should not be suspended or revoked.

(2) Where the Permanent Secretary is satisfied that any of the conditions specified in paragraph (1) exists or where he is not satisfied with the reasons provided by the licensee, he may suspend or revoke the licence.

(3) A licensee who intends to cease his business shall inform the Permanent Secretary of his intention at least 15 days before the projected cessation of the business.

9. (1) A licensee whose licence is lost, stolen, destroyed or defaced shall make an application to the Permanent Secretary for a duplicate licence.

(2) Where the Permanent Secretary is satisfied that the licence is lost, stolen, destroyed or defaced, he shall, on payment of the appropriate fee, issue a duplicate and the licence shall be marked "DUPLICATE".

10. Every licensee shall, at all times, maintain an adequate third-party liability insurance coverage.

11. Every licensee shall ensure that –

- (a) its vessel is seaworthy and complies with such International Maritime Organisation Conventions as may be applicable;
- (b) the crew members of the vessel are provided such number of hours of rest as may be specified in the International Labour Conventions.

12. Every licensee shall, in writing, inform the Permanent Secretary as to the quantity of bunker fuel that is being transported.

13. Every licensee that carries bunker fuels exceeding 150,000 tonnes shall settle every annual outstanding claim from the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund in accordance with the 1192 Fund and the Supplementary Fund Protocol 2003.

14. (1) Any person who –

- (a) breaches any condition of his license; or
- (b) contravenes these regulations,

shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 100,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years.

(2) Where a person is convicted under paragraph (1), the Court may, in addition, revoke his licence.

15. These regulations shall come into operation on 9 February 2026.

Made by the Minister on 9 February 2026.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 4(2)]

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR TRADE IN BUNKER FUELS**1. Particulars of applicant**

(1) Name of company

(2) Address of registered office

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(3) Business registration number

(4) Contact details

Name of contact person

Telephone no. Mobile no.

Fax no. Email address

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2. Storage facilities

(1) Onshore/At sea

(2) If onshore, specify address

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(3) If at sea, specify type of facility to be used

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(4) Capacity

3. Undertaking

I/We understand that any false or misleading information provided herewith may result in the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection to take appropriate actions against my/

our company and confirm that there has been no change in the shareholding/directors and there is no ongoing case filed against the company or its directors in any Court of Mauritius.

I/ We undertake to –

- (a) notify the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection, in writing, of any subsequent change in the information or particulars provided above failing which appropriate actions may be taken against my/our company; and
- (b) comply with the Consumer Protection (Trade in Bunker Fuels) Regulations 2026.

I certify that the above mentioned information is true.

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| Name of Director | Signature of Director |
| | |
| Date | Office stamp |

List of documents submitted (original and copy)

- (1) Certificate of Incorporation of the company
- (2) Business Registration Card
- (3) Extract of file
- (4) Certificate of character of all Directors
- (5) Documentary evidence of experience in trade of petroleum products and bunkering
- (6) Licence, where applicable, or an appropriate clearance from the Mauritius Ports Authority

SECOND SCHEDULE
[Regulations 6(2)(a), 7(1) and 9(1)]

FEES

| | (Rs) |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Issue of licence | 200,000 |
| 2. Renewal of licence | 200,000 |
| 3. Issue of duplicate licence | 10,000 |

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulation 6(2)]

LICENCE FOR TRADE IN BUNKER FUEL

Licence no.

Name

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Business Registration number

National Identity Card no. of representative of company

Address of registered office

Contact details of company

Telephone no. Mobile no.

Fax no. Email address

Validity of licence

From To

The validity of the licence shall be subject to the conditions set out on the verso.

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Name of Permanent Secretary

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Signature

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Date

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Office seal

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE TRADE LICENCE

1. This licence is valid for a period of 12 months as from date of issue and is not transferable.
 2. The trader shall submit a Certificate of Quality issued by an independent international inspection body of the bunker fuel being supplied to the client vessel.
 3. The trader shall comply with the conditions of the Mauritius Revenue Authority, in respect of customs, and the Mauritius Ports Authority, in respect of bunkering activities.
 4. Application for the renewal of the licence shall be made at least one month prior to its expiry.
 5. A surcharge of 35 per cent shall be applicable in respect of any application for the renewal of licence made after the expiry of the delay under paragraph 4.
 6. The trader shall ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent, control and clean any oil spill that may arise in course of its bunkering activities in Mauritius.
 7. Any trader who is involved in bunkering activities shall, where he ceases to operate as a trader in bunker fuel, forthwith inform the Permanent Secretary accordingly and surrender his original licence.
 8. The trader shall comply with such terms and conditions as the Ministry responsible for the subject of environment may impose in respect of bunkering activities.
 9. This licence is subject to the validity of the port licence of the trader and the relevant legislation.
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FOURTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 7(1)]

**APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR
TRADE IN BUNKER FUELS**

1. Particulars of applicant

- (1) Name of company
- (2) Address of registered office
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- (3) Business registration number
- (4) Contact details
Name of contact person
- Telephone no. Mobile no.
- Fax no. Email address
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2. Validity of current trade licence

- (1) Date of issue
- (2) Date of expiry

3. Storage facilities

- (1) Onshore/At sea
- (2) If onshore, specify address
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- (3) If at sea, specify type of facility to be used
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- (4) Capacity