

*Government Notice No. 165 of 2020***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 2020.
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 bars;
 - “MS 34” means the Mauritian Standard for steel wires;
 - “MS 35” means the Mauritian Standard for steel fabrics;
 - “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. Subject to paragraph (2), no person shall import or manufacture steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics unless they conform with the specifications of MS 10, MS 34 or MS 35, as the case may be.

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4. Every manufacturer shall –
 - (a) subject steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics imported for own use or manufactured, sold or stored by him, to routine inspection and testing; and
 - (b) keep a record of all the results of tests conducted pursuant to 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 imported for own use or manufactured, sold or stored by him, to routine inspection and testing; and
 - (b) keep a record of all the results of tests conducted pursuant to 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 steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics, a certificate showing the result of any test carried out on any sample of the steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics.

 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, as the case may be.

 8. No person shall prevent an authorised officer from performing his duties under these regulations.

 9. The Steel Bars and Steel Wires (Mauritian Standard Specifications) Regulations 1988 are revoked.

- 10.** Any person who has, on the coming into operation of these regulations, obtained written approval of the Minister to import or manufacture steel bars or steel wires shall be deemed to have obtained such approval under these regulations.
- 11.** These regulations shall come into operation on 20 July 2020.

Made by the Minister on 20 July 2020.
