

Mauritius Standards Bureau (Certification Mark) Regulations 2026

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THE MAURITIUS STANDARDS BUREAU ACT

Regulations made by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Standards Council, under section 33 of the Mauritius Standards Bureau Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Mauritius Standards Bureau (Certification Mark) Regulations 2026**.
2. In these regulations —
 - "Act" means the Mauritius Standards Bureau Act;
 - "applicant" means a person who makes an application for an MSB certification mark;
 - "assessment" means a verification of the effectiveness of the Quality Plan operated by an applicant or a holder of an MSB certification mark through the examination of materials, processes, finished products, methods of test, records, systems services and other activities established by the applicant or a holder of an MSB certification mark within his Quality Plan;
 - "Quality Plan" means a document setting out the specific quality practices, resources and sequence of activities relevant to a particular product or process to ensure compliance with the appropriate Mauritian standard.
3. The MSB certification mark shall be in the form set out in the First Schedule and may be accompanied by —
 - (a) an eco-label logo whenever the applicable Mauritian standard includes eco-label criteria; or
 - (b) the MauriGAP logo where the applicable Mauritian standard includes good agricultural practices.
4. (1) Every application for an MSB certification mark under Mauricert shall be —
 - (a) made to the Director in the form set out in the Second Schedule;
 - (b) accompanied by the non-refundable application fee specified in the Third Schedule;
 - (c) valid for a period of 12 months as from the date of application.

(2) A separate application shall be made in respect of each Mauritian standard and each factory or premises in respect of which an MSB certification mark is sought.

(3) On receipt of an application made under paragraph (1), the Director may require —

(a) evidence to be produced to his satisfaction that —

- (i) the commodity or process in respect of which an MSB certification mark is sought conforms to the appropriate Mauritian standard;
- (ii) the applicant has in operation a Quality Plan which will adequately ensure that the commodity or process in respect of which an MSB certification mark is sought conforms to the appropriate Mauritian standard;

(b) that all reasonable facilities be provided to an authorised officer to inspect the premises of the applicant for the purpose of—

- (i) verifying the evidence produced by the applicant;
- (ii) selecting samples of the commodity for testing;
- (iii) checking the process or the mode of manufacture of the commodity and the records relating thereto;
- (iv) obtaining such other information as is relevant to the application;

(c) the applicant to submit — .

- (i) samples of the commodity for testing by the Bureau or such other testing authority as the Director considers appropriate;
- (ii) a copy of the applicant's Quality Plan in respect of the relevant commodity or process;

(d) the applicant to pay such assessment, sampling and testing fees as may be determined by the Director.

5. (1) An MSB certification mark under section 21 (2) shall be —

(a) in such form as the Standards Council may determine;

(b) issued on payment of the non-refundable fee specified in the Third Schedule.

(2) An MSB certification mark —

- (a) may be issued in respect of more than one trade mark or brand name;
- (b) shall be issued in respect of each Mauritian standard, factory or site;
- (c) shall be valid for a period of 3 years as from the date of issue; and
- (d) may be renewed on payment of the fee specified in the Third Schedule for a further period of 3 years.

(3) The Director may, where he is satisfied that an MSB certification mark has been destroyed, lost or defaced, issue to the holder of an MSB certification mark a duplicate MSB certification mark on payment of the fee specified in the Third Schedule.

6. (1) The Council may suspend or revoke an MSB certification mark where the holder of an MSB certification mark has —

- (a) used the mark and the eco-label logo or MauriGAP logo in respect of a commodity or process which does not comply with the Mauritian standard relating to it;
- (b) failed to provide reasonable facilities for inspection or testing;
- (c) failed to comply with any term and condition of the MSB certification mark;
- (d) contravened the Act or these regulations;
- (e) failed to pay any fee required under these regulations.

(2) Where the Council has suspended or revoked MSB certification mark —

- (a) the Director shall forthwith inform the holder of an MSB certification mark by notice in writing;
- (b) the holder of an MSB certification mark shall forthwith discontinue the use of the mark and the eco-label logo or MauriGAP logo and shall —
 - (i) take necessary steps to have the mark and the eco-label logo or MauriGAP logo removed or erased from the commodity;
 - (ii) return the MSB certification mark to the Director.

7. (1) Every holder of an MSB certification mark shall —

- (a) apply the mark and the eco-label logo or MauriGAP logo in such a manner as to be easily visible on the commodity or any container, wrapping or binding of the commodity;

(b) apply, in addition to the mark and the eco-label logo or MauriGAP logo, in such a manner as to be easily visible beneath or beside the mark and the eco-label logo or MauriGAP logo as the case may be —

- (i) the number of the appropriate Mauritian standard;
- (ii) the name of the holder of an MSB certification mark;
- (iii) the registered trade mark or brand name.

(2) Every holder of an MSB certification mark shall —

- (a) ensure that the commodity or process in respect of which the mark and the eco-label logo or MauriGAP logo is used conforms at all times to the-relevant Mauritian standard;
- (b) establish, maintain and document a Quality Plan applicable to the relevant commodity or process;
- (c) maintain a complete and up to date record of the system of control for the purpose of establishing that control is consistently maintained;
- (d) make available for inspection on demand by an authorised officer the document and record referred to in subparagraphs (b) and (c);
- (e) permit the removal of the document or record from his premises to the Bureau for closer scrutiny.

(3) (a) For the purpose of these regulations, the Director shall carry out one or more assessments as he considers necessary.

(b) Every holder of an MSB certification mark shall allow an authorised officer to select samples of the commodity for testing.

(c) Every holder of an MSB certification mark shall be required to pay assessment, sampling and testing fees together with such expenses incurred in the process as may be required by the Director.

(4) Any holder of a certification mark who does not have a place of business in Mauritius shall appoint an agent and shall maintain the agent for the duration of the certification mark.

8. No holder of an MSB certification mark shall claim compliance with Mauricert other than

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- (a) from the address stated in the MSB certification mark;
 - (b) in respect of a commodity or process specified in the MSB certification mark.
9. Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and, shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50,000 rupees.
10. The Mauritius Standards Bureau (Certification Mark) Regulations 1996 are revoked.
11. (1) An MSB certification mark issued under the revoked Mauritius Standards Bureau (Certification Mark) Regulations 1996 and which is valid on the coming into operation of these regulations shall be deemed to have been issued under these regulations.
- (2) An application for an MSB certification mark made under the revoked Mauritius Standards Bureau (Certification Mark) Regulations 1996 and which is pending on the coming into operation of these regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with these regulations.
12. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 May 2026.

Made by the Minister, on the recommendation the Standards Council, on 9 April 2026.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 3]

MSB REGISTERED FIRM SYMBOL



The MSB Certification Mark -

- (a) shall be of a circular shape as described in the above design, representing the letters "M", "S" and "B";
- (b) in respect of which a certification mark has been issued, shall make reference to the Mauritian Standard in respect of which an MSB certification mark was issued;
- (c) may be larger or smaller than in the design but its parts shall keep the same proportions as in the design;
- (d) may appear in any colour provided the colour uniform throughout; and
- (e) may be accompanied by an eco-label logo; or



(f) MauriGAP logo.



SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulation 41

APPLICATION FOR MSB CERTIFICATION MARK

Name of applicant.....

Address.....

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Applicant's representative.....

Designation.....

Address of factory or premises.....

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Description of commodity or process in respect of which an MSB certification mark is sought.....

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Trademark(s) or brand name(s) in respect of which an MSB certification mark is sought

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Registration no.....

Relevant Mauritian standard.....

I/we undertake to pay all fees which may be claimed under the Mauritius Standards-Bureau (Certification Mark) Regulations 2025, irrespective of the decision regarding this application.

If an MSB certification mark is issued, I/we undertake to conform to the Mauritius Standards Bureau (Certification Mark) Regulations 2025 and to pay all the fees required under the regulations.

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Signature of applicant or applicant's representative	. Date
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Position	Office stamp

THIRD SCHEDULE
[Regulations 4 and 5]

FEES

	(Rs)
1. Application fee	5,000
2. For issue of MSB certification mark	15,000
3. For renewal of MSB certification mark	15,000
4. For duplicate MSB certification mark	1,000
5. Assessment fee per man-day	8,000