NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Mauritius**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Agricultural Produce and Pesticides |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X] All trading partners** **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** The Use of Pesticides Bill (No. Vi Of 2018). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 40<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/MUS/18_4090_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The main object of this Bill is to regulate, control and monitor the importation and use of pesticides in or on certain fresh fruits, plants, seeds or vegetables with a view to, *inter alia*, minimizing risks to human health and the environment. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [****X] animal health, [****X] plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****X] protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[****X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:*** Codex standards on food additives;
* Codex standards on contaminants in foods.

**[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[ ]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[****X] Yes [ ]** **No*** International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides, FAO and WHO, 2014 Edition;
* Guidelines on Public Health Pesticide Management Policy for the WHO, African Region, 2011 Edition;
* Designing National Pesticide Legislation, FAO, 2007 Edition.

**If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Mauritius National Assembly Website (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Date of promulgation**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Date of Publication in the Government Gazette |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Date of Publication in the Government Gazette**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 September 2018**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade(International Trade Division)3rd Fl, Fooks HouseBourbon StreetPort-LouisMauritiusTel: +(230) 208 1662Fax: +(230) 210 8145E-mail: vidan\_2@yahoo.comNational Plant Protection OfficeMinistry of Agro Industry and Food SecurityAgricultural ServicesReduitMauritiusTel: +(230) 464 4872Fax: +(230) 465 9591E-mail: moa-pathology@govmu.orgEntomology DivisionMinistry of Agro Industry and Food SecurityAgricultural ServicesReduitMauritiusTel: +(230)  466 4983Fax: +(230) 466 6434E-mail: moa-entomology@govmu.org |
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