

## **The Support for Trade Promotion & Marketing Scheme (TPMS)**

### **1. Introduction**

The Support for Trade Promotion & Marketing Scheme (TPMS) is funded by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development. The Scheme is implemented and managed by the Economic Development Board (EDB) Mauritius.

These Guidelines set out the terms and conditions governing the Scheme. The Scheme may be terminated or amended, at any time, without prior notice. The EDB or Government of Mauritius will not bear any liability in respect of a Scheme which has been so terminated or amended.

### **2. Objective**

The objective of TPMS is to give a boost to, and support, manufacturing companies in their quest to penetrate the eligible markets faster by making use of air shipment and hence, to enhance product delivery in terms of Speed-to-Market and increase competitiveness of local manufacturing products.

### **3. The Rebate**

1. The Scheme is presently valid up to 30 June 2022.
2. Those eligible under the TPMS will benefit as follows:
  - (a) For exports from 1st July 2020 to 31st October 2020:
    - (i) Subject to paragraph (ii) below, 40% refund of Air freight Cost (All-in prices) including Fuel Surcharge and Security Surcharge.

- (ii) 40 % refund of Air Freight Cost (All-in prices) including Fuel Surcharge and Security Surcharge for export of vegetables, fruits and flowers will be shared equally between the Planter and the Exporter who will each be eligible to 20%.

(b) For exports from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 to 30th June 2022:

- (i) Subject to paragraph (ii) below, 60% refund of Air Freight Cost (All-in prices) including Fuel Surcharge and Security Surcharge
- (ii) 60% refund of Air Freight Cost (All-in prices) including Fuel Surcharge and Security Surcharge for export of vegetables, fruits, flowers will be equally shared between the Planter and the Exporter who will each be eligible to 30%

3. The rebate is capped at Rs30 Million per Applicant irrespective of destination (Eligible Markets only) for the financial year ending June 2022.
4. The Sea-Air option (Mauritius-Reunion Island-CDG Paris) is eligible for the financial year ending June 2022 (Effective for exports as from 1st Nov 2020)

#### **4. Eligibility Requirements**

In order to benefit from the TPMS, the applicant has to be an Eligible Beneficiary requesting for a rebate in relation to an export of an Eligible Product made to an Eligible Market.

#### **5. Eligible Beneficiaries**

Only entities producing and manufacturing agricultural and non-agricultural products in Mauritius shall be eligible provided that:

- (i) they export on CIF (Cost insurance and Freight)/CFR (Cost and Freight) value;  
and
- (ii) under the relevant Certificate of Origin.

## 6. Eligible Products

All agricultural and non-agricultural products produced /manufactured in Mauritius are eligible except for:

- (i) machinery
- (ii) live animals and
- (iii) chemicals.

## 7. Eligible Markets

The markets listed out in Annex 1 shall qualify as eligible markets.

## 8. The Process

An Applicant must:

1. Register with the EDB as beneficiary.
2. Register on the Business Portal of the National E-licensing System (NELS) - <https://business.edbmauritius.org/> to be able to apply online for their claims.
3. Claim for the rebate on the Business Portal of the National E-licensing System (NELS)- <https://business.edbmauritius.org/>.

**(NOTE: All claims have to be submitted on NELS)**

## 9. Registration with EDB

1. The Applicant must register with the EDB by filling the REGISTRATION FORM.

**Click here** to download the Registration Form.

2. The Registration Form should be sent to the EDB along with a copy of:

- (i) Business Registration Certificate (BRN);
- (ii) Certificate of Incorporation; and
- (iii) VAT Certificate (if available)

3. The EDB reserves the right to request for such additional documentation as it may deem fit.
4. The EDB will process the Registration and inform the Applicant whether his Registration has been approved or not.
5. Registration with the EDB does not in any way guarantee that the Applicant is eligible for refund.
6. An Applicant may apply for a rebate under the Scheme only as from the date he is registered with the EDB. No claim prior to that date of registration shall be entertained.

## **10 The Claims Process**

1. Once registration with the EDB has been approved under Clause 9 above, the Applicant must register on the Business Portal of the National E- Licensing System (NELS) and obtain a user account and password to be able to submit claim at <https://business.edbmauritius.org/>.
2. An Applicant may only claim for a refund if he is registered:
  - a) with the EDB; and
  - b) on the NELS business Portal
3. The Applicant should submit and upload online the following supporting documents:
  - (i) Air Waybill (AWB) or House Air Waybill (HAWB)
  - (ii) Commercial Invoice
  - (iii) MRA Customs Declaration Form
  - (iv) Certified VAT Invoice from Freight Forwarding Agent/Courier Service (with costs breakdown of freight components)
  - (v) Receipt of payment from Freight Forwarding Agent/Courier Service
  - (vi) Certificate of Origin (*for Exports under EPA, EUR1, AGOA or GSP*)
  - (vii) Gate Pass/Memorandum

4. **Click here** to read the Applicant Guidelines.
5. Registration and Claim Forms for exports of Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables must be submitted to Agricultural Marketing Board, Tel- 4334025, Website: <http://ambmauritius.mu/freight-rebate-scheme/>
6. The EDB shall examine the claims and reserves the right to request for such additional documents as may be required.
7. The claim will be rejected:
  - (i) If the Claim does not meet the criteria as set out above and as determined by the EDB; or
  - (ii) in case of any missing or incomplete document or information.

## **11. False or Misleading Declaration**

1. It is an offence under section 39 (2) of the Economic Development Board Act, for a person to give information, particulars, or documents or to make any statement which is false or misleading in any material particular. On conviction, an offender shall be liable to a fine not exceeding MUR 500,000.00 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.
2. In addition, notwithstanding any other action that the EDB may choose to take, in case of a false or misleading declaration:
  - a. The applicant will not be eligible for any future rebate under any Scheme administered by the EDB, and
  - b. The applicant shall be liable to refund any amount obtained under the Scheme.

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**Eligible Markets**

1. Africa (including Madagascar)
2. Australia
3. Canada
4. Europe
5. Japan
6. Middle East Countries
7. USA
8. Vietnam (Effective for exports as from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2020)