

*Government Notice No. 93 of 2020*

**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 (Shelf Life of Imported Food Products) Regulations 2020.

2. In these regulations –

“date of manufacture” means the date on which a food product is manufactured;

“Director-General” has the same meaning as in the Customs Act;

“expiry date”, in relation to a food product, means, notwithstanding any other appellation, such as “best before date”, “sell by date” or “use by date”, the date of the end of the estimated period after which the food product shall cease to retain its specific attributes which are claimed either tacitly or explicitly;

“food product” means any food product specified in the Schedule;

“shelf life” means the period between the date of manufacture and the “best before date”, “sell by date”, “use by date” or “expiry date”, whichever is earlier.

3. These regulations shall not apply to food products –

- (a) imported under items E8, E9 and E10 of Part II of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act;
  - (b) imported under regulation 9(3) of the Economic Development Board (Mauritian Diaspora Scheme) Regulations 2015;
  - (c) imported for embassies and their personnel;
  - (d) imported as relief consignment as defined under the Customs Act; and
  - (e) shipped before the coming into operation of these regulations.
4. No person shall import a food product unless the food product has a shelf life of at least 50 per cent at the time of shipment.
5. Where a person imports a food product, he shall certify to the supervising officer of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health that the imported food product has a valid shelf life of at least 50 per cent at the time of shipment.
6. Where a person imports a food product which does not have a shelf life of at least 50 per cent at the time of shipment or where a person who imports a food product fails to certify that the food product has a valid shelf life of at least 50 per cent at the time of shipment, that food product, as the case may be –
- (a) shall be deemed to be a prohibited good; and
  - (b) may be disposed of by the Director-General in accordance with section 61(8)(b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Customs Act.
7. An importer of food products shall, for the purposes of these regulations, keep a copy of every document submitted to the

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supervising officer of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health for a period of at least 5 years.

**8.** Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

**9.** These regulations shall come into operation on 15 June 2020.

Made by the Minister on 14 May 2020.

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**FIRST SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 3]

**FOOD PRODUCTS**

1. Canned pulses
  2. Chili sauces
  3. Dairy drinks
  4. Flavoured milk
  5. Margarine
  6. Pickles
  7. Soya sauces
  8. Spread
  9. Tomato sauces
  10. Yoghurt
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