

COMMUNIQUE

Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection

HOLDING OF FAIRS

The public is being informed that authorisation for the holding of Fairs is regulated by the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection under the Consumer Protection (Control of fairs) Regulations 2016 [GN 19 OF 2016] and maybe accessed on:

<https://commerce.govmu.org/Documents/Legislations/GN%2019%20of%202016.PDF>

The legislations provides, amongst others that:

- (i) A trade fair means organised **under a theme specified in the second column of the First Schedule** where participants display and sell only the goods specified in the corresponding third column of that Schedule;
- (ii) A fair **does not include a one-day fair** organised for fund raising purposes by an educational, a governmental, a non-governmental or a charitable institution
- (iii) A fair also does not include one which is organised under the patronage of a Ministry or other Governmental organisation in the national interest or which bears a national importance or character;
- (iv) No application shall be considered for a fair to be held other than in the months of January, February, April, June, August and October;
- (v) No person shall hold a fair under the above mentioned legislation unless he obtains an authorization from the Permanent Secretary of this Ministry;

Any person who breaches any terms and conditions of his authorisation to hold a fair or makes any advertisement of a fair without having obtained the prior authorisation from the Ministry shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 100,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years.

Participants are requested to ensure due diligence when effecting any payment of fees to any organizer of fairs.

The list of approved fairs as of date, available on the website:

<https://commerce.govmu.org/>

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