

*Government Notice No. 56 of 2026***THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACT****Regulations made by the Minister under section 23
of the Energy Efficiency Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Energy Efficiency (Minimum Energy Performance Standards for Regulated Machinery) (Refrigerating Appliances) Regulations 2026.

2. In these regulations –

“accreditation body” means the body responsible for the evaluation of conformity assessment bodies against recognised standards;

“authorised officer” means an officer designated by the Office to consider any application;

“blast cabinet” means an insulated refrigerating appliance primarily intended to rapidly cool hot foodstuffs to below 10 °C or -18 °C in the case of chilling freezing, as the case may be;

“compartment” means an enclosed space within a refrigerating appliance, separated from other compartment by a partition, container, or such other construction, which is directly accessible through one or more external doors.

“conformity assessment body” means the body which –

(a) issues a test report or product certificate; and

(b) in the case of a test report, is accredited by –

(i) an accreditation body which is a signatory to the Mutual Recognition Arrangement of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation; or

- (ii) the Mauritius Accreditation Service, certifying its compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 or its equivalent; or
- (c) in the case of a product certificate, is accredited by an accreditation body which is a signatory to the Multilateral Recognition Arrangement of the International Accreditation Forum certifying its compliance with ISO/IEC 17065 or its equivalent;

“Director-General” means the Director-General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority;

“EEI” means the ratio of the actual annual energy consumption of a regulated machinery to its standard annual energy consumption, expressed as a percentage, as determined in accordance with the relevant test standard and calculation methodology specified in the First Schedule;

“effective date”, in relation to an application, means the date by which all required documents or information are submitted to the Office;

“export” has the same meaning as in the Customs Act;

“foodstuffs” means food, ingredients, beverages, including wine, and other items primarily used for consumption which require refrigeration at specified temperatures;

“freezer” means a refrigerating appliance with only frozen compartments, at least one of which has a target temperature and storage conditions of -18°C ;

“IEC” means the International Electrotechnical Commission which prepares and publishes international standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies;

“IEC 62552” means the latest adopted version of the standard, which specifies the test methods, procedures, and conditions required to determine the volume of compartments and verify the performance requirements, including but not limited to, temperature maintenance, freezing capacity, and pull-down time, to assess compliance with the Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS);

“import” has the same meaning as in the Customs Act;

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“manufacturer” –

(a) means the person who –

- (i) produces, makes, assembles or processes regulated machinery; or
- (ii) attaches his brand name to regulated machinery that is manufactured, assembled or processed by another person; and

(b) includes, in the case of imported regulated machinery, the manufacturer’s representative or the importer;

“Mauritius Accreditation Service” means the Mauritius Accreditation Service established under the Mauritius Accreditation Service Act;

“Mauritius Standards Bureau” means the Mauritius Standards Bureau established under the Mauritius Standards Bureau Act;

“mobile refrigerating appliance” means a refrigerating appliance that can be used where there is no access to the mains electricity grid and that uses extra low-voltage electricity (< 120V DC) or fuel, or both, as the energy source for the refrigeration functionality, including a refrigerating appliance that, in

addition to extra low voltage electricity or fuel, or both, can be electric-mains operated;

“Mutual Recognition Arrangement of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation” means the formal cooperation between international accreditation bodies for the facilitation of trade through the acceptance of accreditation tests and calibration results;

“product certificate” means a document, report or certificate which attests that a regulated machinery meets specific requirements, in accordance with the test standard or method specified in the third column of the First Schedule;

“professional chest freezer” means a freezer –

- (a) in which every compartment is accessible from the top of the appliance; or
- (b) which has both top-opening type and upright type compartments; but
- (c) where the gross volume of the top-opening type compartment exceeds 75 per cent of the total gross volume of the appliance, used for the storage of foodstuffs in non-household environments;

“professional refrigerated storage cabinet” means an insulated refrigerating appliance integrating one or more compartments accessible via one or more doors or drawers, capable of continuously maintaining the temperature of foodstuffs within prescribed limits at chilled or frozen operating temperature, using a vapour compression cycle, and used for the storage of foodstuffs in non-domestic environments but not for the display to or access by customers;

“refrigerating appliance” means an insulated cabinet with one or more compartments that are controlled at specific temperatures,

equipped for residential or light commercial use, with a rated volume at or above 10 Litres (L) and at or below 1,500 L, cooled by natural or forced convection whereby the cooling is obtained by one or more energy consuming means;

“refrigerating appliance with a direct sales function” means a refrigerating appliance used for the functions of displaying and selling items at specified temperatures below the ambient temperature to customers, accessible directly through open sides or via one or more doors, or drawers, or both, including cabinets with areas used for storage or assisted serving of items not accessible by the customers;

“refrigerator” means a refrigerating appliance intended for the storage of foodstuffs, with at least one fresh food compartment;

“refrigerator-freezer” means a refrigerating appliance having at least one fresh food compartment and at least one freezer compartment;

“regulated machinery” –

- (a) means the electrical appliances listed in the first column of the Second Schedule; but
- (b) does not include the electrical appliances specified in the Third Schedule;

“test report” means a report which contains –

- (a) the results of tests carried out for a regulated machinery in accordance with the test standard or method specified in the third column of the First Schedule; and
- (b) where there is more than one such test report in respect of the regulated machinery, the test report that is the most recent;

“wine storage appliance” means a dedicated refrigerating appliance for the storage of wine, with precision temperature control for the storage conditions and target temperature of a wine storage compartment.

3. (1) Subject to regulations 20 and 21, no person shall import or manufacture a regulated machinery unless he is registered with the Office.

(2) An application to be registered as an importer or manufacturer of a regulated machinery shall be made –

- (a) in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule; or
- (b) electronically or in such manner as the Office may determine.

(3) Every application referred to in paragraph (2) shall be accompanied by –

- (a) such documents and information as may be specified in guidelines as may be issued by the Office; and
- (b) the appropriate non-refundable fee specified in the Fifth Schedule.

4. No person shall import or manufacture a regulated machinery unless the regulated machinery meets the minimum energy performance standards specified in the third column of the Sixth Schedule.

5. (1) (a) Any importer or manufacturer who intends to register or renew the registration of a regulated machinery shall make an application to the Office.

(b) The application referred to in paragraph (a) may be made in the form set out in the Seventh Schedule and submitted electronically or in such manner as the Office may determine.

(2) Subject to regulations 20 and 21, no regulated machinery shall be imported, manufactured or sold in Mauritius unless the regulated machinery is registered with the Office.

6. Every application referred to in regulation 5(1) shall be accompanied by –

- (a) a test report or product certificate issued by a conformity assessment body, in respect of the regulated machinery, specifying the energy performance of the regulated machinery;
- (b) such other document and information as may be specified in guidelines as may be made by the Office; and
- (c) the appropriate non-refundable fee specified in the Fifth Schedule.

7. (1) Where any importer or manufacturer modifies any regulated machinery, the importer or manufacturer, as the case may be, shall, before the modified regulated machinery is supplied in Mauritius –

- (a) notify the Office in writing of the modification to the regulated machinery; and
- (b) where the modification alters the energy performance of the regulated machinery, submit to the Office a test report or product certificate specifying the energy performance of the regulated machinery, as modified, and such other information as the Office may require.

(2) The authorised officer shall deregister any importer or manufacturer who fails to comply with paragraph (1) and notify its decision, to deregister an importer or manufacturer, as the case may be, to the Director-General electronically or in such manner as the Office may determine.

8. The authorised officer may refer a test report or product certificate submitted by an importer or a manufacturer to the Mauritius Standards Bureau for it to verify whether the regulated machinery meets the minimum energy performance standards set out in the third column of the Sixth Schedule.

9. The costs incurred by the Mauritius Standards Bureau under regulation 8 shall be borne by the importer or manufacturer of the regulated machinery.

10. The Mauritius Standards Bureau shall, where it is satisfied that a regulated machinery complies with the minimum energy performance standards set out in these regulations, issue a confirmation to the Office to that effect.

11. The authorised officer shall, on receipt of the confirmation under regulation 10, from the Mauritius Standards Bureau, and on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Fifth Schedule –

- (a) register the regulated machinery;
- (b) issue a certificate of registration attesting that the regulated machinery meets the minimum energy performance standards set out in the third column of the Sixth Schedule to the importer or manufacturer wishing to register the regulated machinery in such form as the Office may determine; and
- (c) notify its decision to register a regulated machinery to the importer or the manufacturer, as the case may be, and the Director-General electronically or in such manner as the Office may determine.

12. A certificate issued by the Office under regulation 11(b) –

- (a) shall be valid for a period of 2 years;

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- (b) may, subject to regulation 7(1), be renewed for further periods of 2 years;
 - (c) shall not be transferable; and
 - (d) shall serve as evidence to establish compliance with minimum energy performance standards for the clearance of a consignment of regulated machinery from Customs.

13. Subject to regulation 5, the Director-General shall not clear a consignment of regulated machinery unless the importer has a valid certificate of registration issued by the Office to that effect.

14. (1) Any importer who does not have a valid registration certificate for a regulated machinery in a consignment held at Customs shall return that consignment of regulated machinery to the country of origin at his own expense within a period of 14 working days from the date of importation.

(2) Where the importer does not return the regulated machinery within the delay specified in paragraph (1), the Director-General shall –

- (a) notify the Office electronically or in such manner as he may determine; and
- (b) dispose of the regulated machinery in accordance with section 61 of the Customs Act.

(3) The authorised officer shall deregister an importer who fails to return the regulated machinery within the delay specified in paragraph (1) and notify the Director-General electronically or in such manner as the Office may determine.

(4) Where a regulated machinery is landed and is not claimed within 2 months of being landed, the Director-General shall dispose of the regulated machinery in accordance with section 61 of the Customs Act.

15. (1) Any fee payable under these regulations shall be paid to the Director-General electronically or in such manner as the Director-General may determine.

(2) The Director-General shall, not later than 15 working days after the end of the month in which the fee is received, remit the fee collected during the previous month to the Office.

16. Where the Office refuses an application made under regulation 5, it shall notify the importer or manufacturer and the Director-General in writing, stating the reasons for the refusal.

17. The minimum energy performance standards specified in the third column of the Sixth Schedule shall be the minimum energy performance standards in respect of the regulated machinery specified in the first column of that Schedule.

18. An importer, a manufacturer or a seller of any regulated machinery shall –

- (a) authorise an enforcement officer to exercise the powers set out under section 21 of the Act; and
- (b) produce for inspection to the enforcement officer, upon his request, any document he may require for the purpose of verifying whether the importer, manufacturer or seller is in compliance with these regulations.

19. Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall –

- (a) on a first conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 100,000 rupees;
- (b) on a second and subsequent conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 200,000 rupees.

20. These regulations shall not apply to regulated machinery placed in a bonded warehouse within a period of 5 months from coming into operation of these regulations.

21. These regulations shall not apply to a regulated machinery –

- (a) imported under items E1, E2, E6, E8, E9, E10, E13 and E19 of Part II of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act;
- (b) imported under regulation 10(3) of the Economic Development Board (Mauritian Diaspora Scheme) Regulations 2023;
- (c) imported as a relief consignment as specified in the Customs Act.

22. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 May 2026.

Made by the Minister on 1 May 2026.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

Regulated machinery	Type	Applicable test standard or method
Refrigerating Appliance	Refrigerator	IEC 62552:2015; EEI calculated according to EU 2019/2016
	Refrigerator-Freezer	IEC 62552:2015; EEI calculated according to EU 2019/2016
	Freezer	IEC 62552:2015; EEI calculated according to EU 2019/2016
	Wine Storage appliance	IEC 62552:2015; EEI calculated according to EU 2019/2016

SECOND SCHEDULE
[Regulation 2]

LIST OF REGULATED MACHINERY

Regulated machinery	Description of regulated machinery	H.S. Codes
Refrigerating Appliance	Refrigerator – compression type	8418.21.11 8418.21.19
	Refrigerator	8418.29.11 8418.29.19
	Refrigerator – freezer	8418.10.11 8418.10.19
	Freezer – chest type	8418.30.11 8418.30.19
	Freezer – upright type	8418.40.11 8418.40.19
	Wine Storage appliance	8418.50.20 8418.50.90
	Other types of refrigerating appliances	8418.69.10 8418.69.20 8418.69.30 8418.69.90

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

Refrigerating Appliances

- (1) Appliances where the primary function is not the storage of foodstuffs through refrigeration
 - (2) Mobile refrigerating appliances
 - (3) Professional refrigerated storage cabinets and blast cabinets, with the exception of professional chest freezers
 - (4) Refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function
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FOURTH SCHEDULE
[Regulation 3(2)(a)]



Republic of Mauritius

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

ENERGY EFFICIENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS IMPORTER/
MANUFACTURER OF REGULATED MACHINERY -
REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES**

I hereby apply for registration as –*

importer

manufacturer

of refrigerating appliances –

1. APPLICANT’S DETAILS

Title* Mr Ms Mrs

First name	
Surname	
	Nationality
National Identity Card no	Passport no.

2. APPLICANT'S CONTACT DETAILS

Address	
Telephone no.	Mobile no.
Email address	Fax no.

3. BUSINESS CONTACT DETAILS ¹

Business name	
Address	
BRN no.	
Telephone no.	Mobile no.
Email address	Fax no.

4. DECLARATION

I, (insert name in block letters), certify that –

(a) I am submitting this application* –

(i) on a personal basis

(ii) on behalf of

(insert business name)

(b) the information given above are correct and I understand that any wilful misstatement may lead to the rejection of my application;

- (c) I agree that the Energy Efficiency Management Office renders public any information in this form, excluding the information in sections 1 and 2.

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Signature

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Date

CHECKLIST FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

I attach a copy of* –

- (a) NIC/passport biodata sheet** (section 1);
- (b) business registration card (section 3)

* *Please tick as appropriate*

** *Please delete as appropriate*

¹ *Insert N/A if application if made on personal basis*

FIFTH SCHEDULE
[Regulations 3(3)(b), 6(c) and 11]

FEES	(Rs)
1. Application for registration as an importer or manufacturer	10,000
2. Application for registration for each model of refrigerating appliance	5,000
3. Application for renewal of registration for each model of refrigerating appliance	2,000

SIXTH SCHEDULE

[Regulations 4, 8, 11(b) and 17]

MINIMUM ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES

Regulated machinery	Type	Minimum energy performance standards
Refrigerating Appliance	Refrigerator	$EEI \leq 100$
	Refrigerator-Freezer	$EEI \leq 100$
	Freezer	$EEI \leq 100$
	Wine Storage appliance	$EEI \leq 100$

SEVENTH SCHEDULE
[Regulation 5(1)(b)]



Republic of Mauritius

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES
ENERGY EFFICIENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF REGULATED
MACHINERY - REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES

Name of importer/manufacturer

Registration no.....

I hereby apply for –

Registration

Renewal of registration

of the following refrigerating appliance –

1. DETAILS OF REFRIGERATING APPLIANCE

Make

Model

Country of origin

Test report/Product certificate no.*

Date of issue of test report/product certificate*

Issued by

Date of expiry of test report/product certificate*

EAN no./UPC no./JAN no. of refrigerating appliance *

2. DECLARATION

I, (insert name in block letters), certify that the information given above are correct and I understand that any wilful misstatement may lead to the rejection of my application.

I agree that the Energy Efficiency Management Office renders public any or all of the information mentioned in this form at section 1.

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Signature

Date

CHECKLIST FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

I attach a copy of test report/product certificate* (section 1)

** Please delete as appropriate*