

**THE CONSUMER PROTECTION (PRICE AND SUPPLIES CONTROL)
(AMENDMENT) BILL**
(No. XIII of 2012)

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act to provide that the duty on a trader to display specimens of goods kept for sale on his trading premises or stored in a registered warehouse shall not extend to tobacco products, save that specimens of tobacco products may be exposed at a duty-free shop at the airport of Mauritius or Rodrigues. The Minister may, however, require that specimens of tobacco products be exposed in a duty-free shop only in such manner as he may approve.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

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A BILL

To amend the Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) (Amendment) Act 2012.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act.

3. Section 17 of principal Act amended

Section 17 of the principal Act is amended –

(a) in subsection (1) –

- (i) in paragraph (a), by inserting, after the word “sale”, the words “, other than a tobacco product”;
- (ii) in paragraph (b), by inserting, after the word “warehouse”, the words “, other than a tobacco product”;

(b) by adding the following new subsections –

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) but subject to subsection (4), a trader may expose a specimen of a tobacco product at a duty-free shop at the airport of Mauritius or Rodrigues.

(4) The Minister may require a trader to whom subsection (3) applies to expose a specimen of a tobacco product only in such manner as the Minister may approve.

(5) In this section –

“tobacco product” –

- (a) means any cigarette, cigar or a product composed in whole or in part of tobacco, including tobacco leaf,

any extract of tobacco leaf and any mixture containing tobacco intended to be smoked;

- (b) includes pipe tobacco, green tobacco, leaf tobacco, manufactured tobacco and cigarette papers, tubes and filters; but
- (c) excludes any product prescribed by a medical practitioner as a nicotine replacement therapy.

4. Commencement

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.
