



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION
AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Communiqué

**Mauritius-China Free Trade Agreement will enter into force
on 01 January 2021**

The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between The Government of the People's Republic of China and The Government of the Republic of Mauritius was signed in October 2019 in Beijing.

2. Following the completion of ratification procedures by both sides, we have the honour to inform that the China-Mauritius FTA will enter into force on Friday 01 January 2021.

3. The FTA comprises of four main components which pertain to trade in goods, trade in services, investment and economic cooperation. The Agreement achieves the goal of mutually beneficial outcomes.

4. With regard to trade in goods, upon entry into force of the China-Mauritius FTA, Mauritius would benefit from immediate duty free access on the Chinese market on some 7,504 tariff lines. Tariffs on an additional 723 tariff lines will be phased out over a 5 to 7-year period starting on 01 January 2021. In addition, a Tariff Rate Quota for 50,000 tonnes of sugar will be implemented on a progressive basis over a period of 8 years with an initial quantity of 15,000 tonnes.

5. With respect to trade in services, both parties have agreed to remove restrictions in more than 100 service sectors. These include financial services, telecommunications, Information and Communications Technology, professional services, construction and health services.

6. Details of the China-Mauritius FTA can be obtained via the following webpages, as from noon (Mauritius Time Zone) on 01 January 2021:

- (i) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade (<https://foreign.govmu.org/Pages/default.aspx>); and
- (ii) Mauritius Trade Portal – Trade Easy (<http://www.mauritiustrade.mu/en/trade-agreements>).

7. Exporters willing to avail of opportunities on the Chinese market would be required to fill in the Certificate of Origin. Relevant information can be obtained via the website of the Customs Department of the Mauritius Revenue Authority at <https://www.mra.mu/index.php/customs/13-customs/196-origin>; as from noon [Mauritius Time Zone] on 01 January 2021.

8. A national workshop on the China-Mauritius FTA will be held in early 2021 to sensitize operators on the opportunities.

9. The China-Mauritius Free Trade Agreement is China's first FTA with an African country. It will provide more solid institutional guarantee for deepening economic and trade relations between the two countries.

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