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# Mauritius

## Constitution of the Republic of Mauritius 1968

“1. The State:

Mauritius shall be a sovereign democratic State which shall be known as the Republic of Mauritius.” [Text](#)

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## Highlights

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### Official documents

- Human Development Report 2020 [Text](#)
- National Biodiversity Strategic and Action Plan 2017 - 2025 [Text](#)
- National Integrated Water Resources Management Plan 2016 [Text](#)

### Legal commentaries

- Mauritian exchange sees \$6.5 billion gold trading in five years – 2018 L Stevens, African Mining Market [Text](#)

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## Environmental Law

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### Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020 [Text](#)
- Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security (Appeal) Regulations 2019 [Text](#)
- Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Oil and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations 2019 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Display of Fuel Consumption and CO2 Emission Label) Regulations 2019 [Text](#)
- District Council of Savanne (Environmental Health) Regulations 2018 [Text](#)
- Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security Act 2018 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Amendment of Part B) Regulations 2017 [Text](#)
- Radiation Protection (Licensing and Registration) Regulations 2017 [Text](#)
- District Council of Grand Port (Environmental Health) Regulations 2014 [Text](#)
- Beau Bassin-Rose Hill (Disposal of Refuse) Regulations 2013 (Last amended 2018) [Text](#)
- District Council of Black River (Collection and Disposal of Refuse) Regulations 2013 (Last amended 2017) [Text](#)
- Excise (CO2 Levy or CO2 Rebate) Regulations 2013 [Text](#)
- Radiation Protection (Permit fees for the Importation of Sources) Regulations 2011 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Applications for PER Approval and EIA License) (Processing Fees) Regulations 2011 [Text](#)
- Curepipe (Environmental Health) Regulations 2010 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Amendment of 5<sup>th</sup> Schedule) Regulations 2010 [Text](#)



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- Environment Protection (Designated National Authority) Regulations 2010 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Affixing of Posters) Regulations 2008 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Control of Noise) Regulations 2008 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Banners) Regulations 2008 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection Fee Regulations 2008 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Industrial Waste audit) Regulations 2008 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (collection, Storage, Treatment, Use and Disposal of Waste Oil) Regulations 2006 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Declaration of Environmental Laws) Regulations 2005 (Last amended 2009) [Text](#)
- Ports Operation and Safety Regulations 2005 [Text](#)
- Dangerous Chemicals Control (Fees) Regulations 2005 (Last amended 2011) [Text](#)
- Dangerous Chemicals Control Act 2004 [Text](#)
- Genetically Modified Organisms Act 2004 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Standards of effluent for use in irrigation) Regulations 2003 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Standards for effluent discharge into Ocean) Regulations 2003 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection Act 2002 (Last amended 2020) [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Standards for hazardous wastes) Regulations 2001 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Environment Standards for Air) Regulations 1998 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Environment Standards for Noise) Regulations 1997 [Text](#)
- Environment Protection (Drinking Water Standards) Regulations 1996 [Text](#)
- Forests and Reserves Act 1983 (Last amended 2003) [Text](#)



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### National bodies, industry actors and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating environmental law

- Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change [Web](#)

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- The Impact of FDI on Environmental Degradation: A case study for Mauritius – 2020 Z Didorally & S Fauzel, BMECONF [Text](#)



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## Energy Law

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- Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security (Control of Import and Export of Radiation Sources...) Regulations 2019 [Text](#)
- Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security Act 2018 [Text](#)
- Radiation Protection (Licensing and Registration) Regulations 2017 [Text](#)
- Radiation Protection (Safe Transport of Radioactive Material) Regulations 2016 [Text](#)
- Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Regulated Machinery) Regulations 2017 [Text](#)
- Energy Efficiency (Energy Consumer and Energy Audit) Regulations 2017 [Text](#)
- Energy Efficiency (Registration of Energy Auditors) Regulations 2016 [Text](#)
- Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency Act 2015 [Text](#)
- Radiation Protection (Personal Radiation Monitoring Service) Regulations 2012 [Text](#)
- Energy Efficiency Act 2011 [Text](#)
- Utility Regulatory Authority Act 2014 [Text](#)
- Central Electricity Board Act 1963 [Text](#)
- Electricity Regulations 1939 (Last amended 2007) [Text](#)
- Electricity Act 1939 [Text](#)

### National bodies, industry actors and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating energy law

- Central Electricity Board [Web](#)
- Energy Efficiency Management Office [Web](#)



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- Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities [Web](#)
- Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security Authority [Web](#)
- Utility Regulatory Authority [Web](#)

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- An appraisal of the energy efficiency regulatory framework in Mauritius – 2013 J Odile & L Tung, Energy and Natural Resources Law [Text](#)





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## Mining Law

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### Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Petroleum Act 1970 [Text](#)
- Minerals Act 1966 [Text](#)

### National bodies, industry actors and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating mining law

- Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities [Web](#)

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- Natural Resources and Small Island Economies: Mauritius and Trinidad and Tobago – 2017 R Auty, Journal of Development Studies [Text](#)
- LEX Africa Mining Guide [Text](#)
- African Mining Legislation Atlas [Web](#)





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## Water Law

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- The Ground Water Regulations 1973 (Last amended 2006) [Text](#)
- Central Water Authority Regulations 1973 (Last amended 2011) [Text](#)
- Central Water Authority Act 1971 (Last amended 2005) [Text](#)
- Ground Water Act 1969 [Text](#)
- Rivers and Canals Act 1863 [Text](#)

### National bodies, industry actors and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating water law

- Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities [Web](#)
- Central Water Authority [Web](#)
- Wastewater Management Authority [Web](#)

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- Impact of Climate change on vulnerability of freshwater resources: a case study of Mauritius – 2020 H Makurira & N Viriri, IWMI [Text](#)



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## Additional Relevant Law

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### Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 [Text](#)
- Banking Act 2004 [Text](#)
- Bank of Mauritius Act 2004 [Text](#)
- Investment Promotion Act 2000 [Text](#)
- Mauritius Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 [Text](#)
- Mauritius Revenue Authority Act [Text](#)

### National bodies, industry actors and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating public and private law

- Bank of Mauritius [Web](#)
- Economic Development Board [Web](#)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional integration and International Trade [Web](#)
- Mauritius National Assembly [Web](#)
- Mauritius Revenue Authority [Web](#)
- Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd [Web](#)
- Ministry of Finance, Economic and Planning Development [Web](#)
- Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms [Web](#)
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- Office of the President [Web](#)



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