

**SOCIÉTÉ POUR LA PROMOTION DES ENTREPRISES
SPÉCIALISÉES ACT**

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Société pour la Promotion des Entreprises Spécialisées Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Committee” means the Committee referred to in section 6;

“*Société*” means the Société pour la Promotion des Entreprises Spécialisées established under section 3;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of tourism is assigned.

3. Establishment of *Société*

(1) The Société pour la Promotion des Entreprises Spécialisées shall be a body corporate.

(2) The *Société* shall be non-profit making.

4. Objects of *Société*

The objects of the *Société* shall be to promote—

- (a) local handicrafts;
- (b) specialised cottage industries; and
- (c) the social welfare of Mauritian artists and artisans.

5. Membership of *Société*

The membership of the *Société* shall be—

- (a) open to any person; and
- (b) determined in such manner as may be prescribed.

6. The Committee

(1) The *Société* shall be managed by a Committee constituted in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer and 8 other persons.

(3) The Committee may invite a person to be the patron of the *Société*.

7. *Société* to furnish information

The *Société* shall furnish to the Minister such information with respect to its activities, in such manner and at such time as the Minister may require.

8. Accounts

The *Société* shall, on or before 31 August in every year, submit to the Minister an audited statement of its accounts in respect of the period ending on 30 June of the same year.

9. Donations and legacies

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the *Société*.

10. Exemptions

Notwithstanding any other enactment—

- (a) the *Société* shall be exempt from payment of any duty, rate, charge, fee, or tax;
- (b) no stamp duty or registration fee shall be payable in respect of any document under which the *Société* is the sole beneficiary.

11. Dissolution of *Société*

(1) The *Société* may, on the proposal of the Committee, be dissolved in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Where the *Société* is dissolved, all assets remaining after winding up shall be transferred to or used for a charitable institution in Mauritius designated by the Committee.

12. Regulations

(1) The Committee may make regulations for the management of the affairs of the *Société*, for regulating the procedure at meetings of the Committee, for the election of members and generally for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, regulations made under subsection (1) shall not be required to be laid before the Assembly.
