

**NOTE FOR MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**REMOVAL OF VAT ON HAND SANITIZER AND PROTECTIVE MASK**

1. Value Added Tax has been removed on hand sanitizer and protective mask as from 24 March 2020.
2. In fact, hand sanitizer and protective mask are being made zero-rated for VAT purposes. This measure will require amendment to the Fifth Schedule of the VAT Act. The measure is being implemented administratively by the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA). Necessary amendments will be made to the VAT Act in the forthcoming Finance Bill with retrospective effect (i.e 24 March 2020).
3. The MRA is issuing a communiqué, which will be posted in the Website of MRA, to inform all stakeholders regarding removal of VAT on the above two products.
4. According to MRA, the measure will cost around Rs 5.5 million on a yearly basis.

24 March 2020.