

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2021

The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, GCSK

- 1. The Executive Council has agreed that, in view of the forthcoming in force of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Shipment of Motorvehicles from Mauritius to Rodrigues) Regulation 2021, a shipment permit may be issued to applicants for the shipment of a vehicle of maximum age of ten years on the date of shipment to Rodrigues as from Monday 27 December 2021. The vehicles concerned are as follows:
 - i. Auto cycle
 - ii. Motorcycle
 - iii. Motorcar
 - iv. Goods Vehicles with a public carrier's (A) licence or with a private carrier's (B) licence
 - v. Motor vehicle with a public service vehicle (taxi) licence
 - vi. Bus with a Public service vehicle and road service licence
 - vii. Motor vehicle other than minibus or bus, with a public service vehicle (contract) licence
 - viii. Any other vehicle except for Micro bus or minibus to be used as contract vehicles, Bus with public service vehicle (contract bus) licence and contract car.

- 2. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Education provides a financial grant to the Rodrigues Educational Development Company Ltd (REDCO Ltd) for the recruitment of one (1) Psychologist and three (3) Social Workers under the programme "Enhancing the Support to Students During Pandemic Period" for an initial period of one year.
- 3. The Executive Council has agreed that the Rodrigues Educational Development Company Ltd (REDCO Ltd) recruits three (3) Quality Assurance Officers for the Head Office of the Company on contract basis and one Coordinator for the Lycée Agricole de Saint Gabriel.
- 4. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Education provides a capital grant to the Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA) for the construction of four additional classrooms to cater for the increase of intake for the academic year 2021/2022.
- 5. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for ICT provides a one-off grant to the ICT Development and Promotion Company Ltd and a yearly management/operational grant to the Company to enable the latter to kick start its operation and meet its monthly management and operation costs.
- 6. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Industrial Development meets freight costs under the Freight Rebate and Subsidy Scheme for the export of handicraft and manufacturing products of Rodriguan Small and Medium Enterprises by sea from Rodrigues to Mauritius.
- 7. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Fisheries issues provisional off-lagoon fisherman cards to thirty-four (34) FAD fishers with objective to promote FAD fishery of Rodrigues.
- 8. The Executive Council has taken note that a fourth batch of Tourist Enterprise and Pleasure Craft Licensees holding a valid licence under the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) Tourism Regulations 2007 have benefitted from the exemption of Payment of Operating License Fee and Rental Fee for State Land Leases Scheme in the context of the Covid-19 up to 30 June 2022. The Commission for Tourism has received a fourth batch of 87 undertaking forms for period 01 August to 30 November 2021 whereby some 11 Tourist Enterprise as well as some 76 Pleasure Craft Licensees have been exempted from payment of their respective operating licence and rental fees for commercial/industrial leases.

- 9. The Executive Council has taken note that the following infrastructure projects have been implemented by the Commission for Sports during the past three months:
 - i. the renovation of Orange Sports Complex;
 - ii. the construction of backstop units for basketball at Palissade and Citron Donis Sport Complex as well as replacement of basketball bound board at Mangues, Accacia and Terre Rouge;
 - iii. resurfacing and ancillary works at La Ferme Sports Complex. Markings of tennis, basketball and volley ball courts as well as repainting of boundary wall and design will be completed by the end of December 2021.

Two (2) petanque courts will be constructed in January 2022 at Creve Coeur and Mt. Charlot.

Bids will be launched shortly for the tangue following projects:

- i. Upgrading of Pointe L'Herbe Sports Complex; and
- ii. Development of Beach Volley Ground at Grand Baie.
- 10. The Executive Council has taken note that a contract has been awarded for the construction of five animal sheds for ruminants at Montagne du Sable under the GCCA+ Climate Smart Agriculture Project.
- 11. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Social Security is proceeding with the distribution of Christmas gifts vouchers from 21 to 30 December 2021 to children aged up to 5 years whose parents are beneficiaries of Social Aid or Unemployment Hardship Relief. The provision of the Christmas gifts vouchers is being held in social security offices at Port Mathurin, La Ferme, Malabar and Grande Montagne.
- 12. The Executive Council has taken note of the fire outbreak that started at the Roche Bon Dieu Dumping Site on Saturday 11 December 2021 and the urgent logistics that have been mobilised to combat the fire.

13. The Executive Council has taken note of the progress in the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme. As at 20 December 2021, 28,422 persons have been administered the first dose of vaccine. 26,168 persons have been administered the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine. 1,313 persons have received a booster dose. 2,049 students have been administered with a first dose of Pfizer vaccines.

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Date: 21st December 2021