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Supply of Fertilizers to Sugar Cane Planters for Crop 2021

- Government has decided to renew the Fertilizer Scheme for crop 2021 for all planters cultivating less than 100 ha.
- In this context, all planters cultivating less than 100 ha of sugar cane are eligible to a supply of 250 kg of fertilizer type 17-8-25 per arpent as an advance for the upkeep of their ratoon crop (*repousse*).
- Planters will have to sign an agreement authorizing the Mauritius Sugar Syndicate to deduct 50 per cent of the cost of fertilizers from their sugar proceeds for 2021.
- As from 7 December 2020, eligible planters are invited to apply for this Scheme at the Farmers Service Centres of their region, producing the following documents (Original + 1 copy):
 - (i) National Identity Card
 - (ii) SIFB Registration Card 2020
 - (iii) Weighbridge receipts – weight of cane milled in 2020. Only the area harvested in 2020 will be considered.
- The fertilizers will be supplied mainly through sales points of official importers and distributors of fertilizers as was the case last year.
- This scheme is also being extended to planters having already applied fertilizers in their fields on or before 7 December 2020 under the following conditions.
- Eligible planters are invited to apply for refund of the cost of fertilizers applied under this Scheme up to a maximum of 250 kg per arpent or (Rs5,000.00) at the Farmers Service Centres of their region, producing evidence of purchase of fertilizers (Invoice from Supplier), in addition to the above mentioned documents.
- Planters who have not yet paid the 50% of the cost of fertilizers for Crop 2019 will be required to settle same in order to benefit from this Scheme.

2 December 2020

Chief Executive Officer