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Supply of Fertilizers to Sugar Cane Planters for Crop 2023

- Government has decided to renew the Fertilizer Scheme for Crop 2023 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*) including ammonium nitrate (AN) based formulations.
- 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 in 2023.
- Eligible planters are invited to apply for this Scheme at the Farmers Service Centres of their region as from 15th September 2022, producing the following documents (Original + 1 copy):
 - (i) National Identity Card
 - (ii) SIFB Registration Card 2022
 - (iii) Weighbridge receipts – weight of cane milled in 2022. Only the area harvested in 2022 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 15th September 2022.
- Eligible planters are invited to apply for refund of the cost of fertilizers used up to a maximum amount of Rs13,100.00 per arpent 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 previous years will be required to settle same in order to benefit from this Scheme.

8th September 2022

Chief Executive Officer