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MAURITIUS TAX REGIMES COMPLIANT WITH THE EU PRINCIPLES ON TAX GOOD GOVERNANCE

In 2017 and 2018, selected tax regimes of Mauritius were examined by the European Union Code of Conduct Group. Certain non-conformity with the EU tax good governance principles were observed in few regimes.

As a result of prompt actions of the Honourable Prime Minister, then Minister of Finance and Economic Development, to address the identified non-conformities, the EU, in October 2019, revised its position and officially recognized that Mauritius has implemented all the necessary reforms to comply with its tax good governance principles. The EU also underscored that the reforms were implemented ahead of the set deadline.

A Note dated 18 June 2020, addressed to members of the Council of the European Union, has created much confusion among stakeholders of the financial services sector because it gives the impression that the Mauritius tax regimes, which have already been cleared with the EU, are still considered as harmful.

The Ministry wishes to reassure all stakeholders that the EU Code of Conduct Group has, in a meeting held on 24 June 2020, clarified that the Note in fact reports the historic state of play, describing the Mauritius’ regimes as it was observed at the start of their examination and not as it currently stands.

It is also worth highlighting that the most recent update of the EU list of Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions for Tax Purposes, which was released in February 2020, does not include Mauritius. This testifies the good standing of the jurisdiction regarding tax good governance.

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