Certification Scheme

1.0 Introduction

The Certification Scheme seeks to provide technical assistance to SMEs for accreditation to international standards and certifications necessary for customer confidence, loyalty and business sustainability.

2.0 Purpose

- Encourage SME products and services to conform to National and International standards
- Promote competitiveness and marketability of certified products and services
- Standardise inputs and processes and improve Customer confidence
- Improve positioning, competitiveness and export potential

3.0 Expected Benefits

- Conformance to recognised standards
- Cost efficiencies
- Improved customer perception, confidence and loyalty
- Improved positioning
- Increased market share
- Improved Export capabilities

4.0 Targeted Beneficiaries

SMEs should already have:
- Agro-processing/ Manufacturing/ Other facilities/ Products/ Services
- Appropriate infrastructure to be assessed for compliance
- Potential for export.

Enterprises should also be registered with the SME Registration Unit and have an annual turnover not exceeding Rs 50M.

The beneficiary should have been in operation for at least two years.

Enterprises engaged in pure trading activities will not be considered.

5.0 Scheme/Grant provided

A grant of 80% of the certification cost, up to a maximum of Rs 200,000 would be provided by SME Mauritius Ltd, while the beneficiary will contribute 20%.