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Mandate of MFA: Regulatory and **Licensing Functions**

Product Development: Creation of the seafood hub in 2003 - Boost in the utilization of existing logistics facilities

The Freeport adhered to the requirements of the OECD, EU and WTO to become an international trusted platform

Removal of Manufacturing, Global Trading & Freight Forwarding

Corporate Tax: 3%



Inception: Mauritius as a **Regional Trading Hub**

Declaration of the 1st Freeport zone at Mer Rouge Integration of MFA and BOI in 2004

Amendment of Freeport Act: Establishment of EDB under EDB Act 2017

Shift towards value-added activities

17 Freeport zones at the Port, Airport and Riche Terre

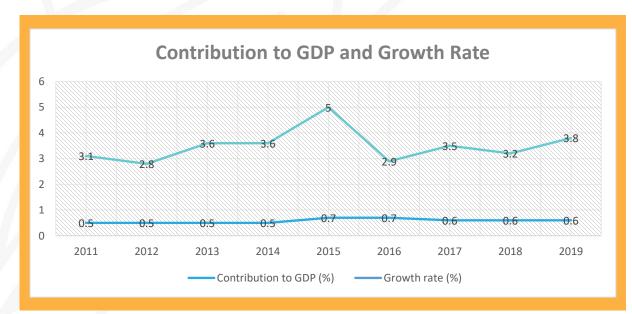


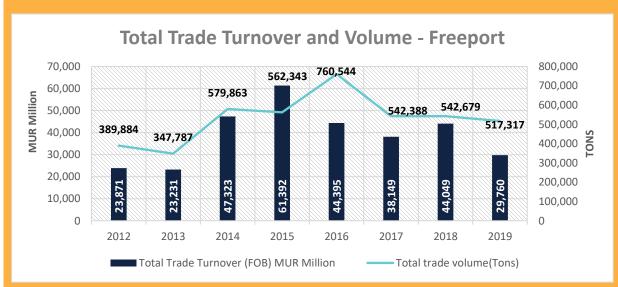




Total Trade Value











Modern Freeport and Logistic Infrastructure

The development of superior and modern logistics infrastructures is a major element in choosing Mauritius as a value-addition and distribution platform. Freeport infrastructure are available including dry warehouses, cold rooms, processing units and integrated office facilities. These infrastructures are shared among the:

Third-Party Freeport Developers















Private Freeport Developers

















Authorized Freeport Activities



Warehousing & Storage and Breaking Bulk



Export and re-exportoriented airport and seaport-based activities



Labelling, packing & Repackaging



Sorting, grading, cleaning and mixing



Quality control & Inspection Services



Light Assembly and Minor Processing



Storage maintenance & repairs of empty containers



Ship Building, repairs and maintenance



MNCs / Brands Represented by Freeport Operators



















Local Storage for International Brands































Incentives

Duty-Free and VAT free for goods and equipment imported into Freeport zones



3% corporate tax on





FDI Global Free Zone of the Year 2018 & 2020

	10 Zones Globally	
Rank	Free zone	Country
	DMCC	United Arab Emirates
2	Amata City Chonburi	Thailand
3	Free Zone Pirot	Serbia
4	Łódź Special Economic Zone	Poland
5	Hamriyah Free Zone	United Arab Emirates
6	Panama Pacifico	Panama
7	Shanghai Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone	China
3	Mauritius Freeport	Mauritius
)	Jebel Ali Free Zone	UAE
10	Aegus Special Economic Zone	India

fDi's Global Free Zones of the Year - Top 10 Zones Globally Free zone Country Rank Tanger Med Zones Morocco Łódź Special Economic Zone Poland Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone China Cayman Enterprise City Cayman Islands Mahindra World City Chennai India Coyol Free Zone Costa Rica Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone UAE Mauritius Freeport Mauritius Freeport of Ventspils Latvia

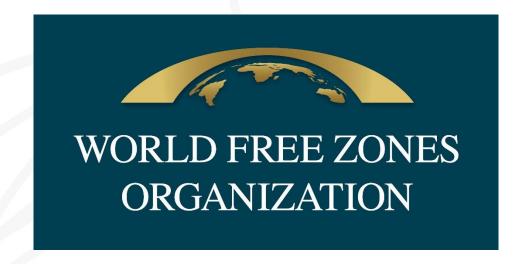
2020

Year	Accolades
2020	Highly Commended in Africa and 9th Globally
2018	1st in Africa and 8th Globally
2017	Incentives Award / Highly Recommended by FDI Magazine
2016	Winner: Sub Saharan Africa

2018









As an active member of WFZO & AEZO, it is an opportunity for the EDB to benefit from their support to:

- ***** Fostering business trade
- **Stimulate industrial investment through Free Zones go-to-market initiatives**
- ***** Benchmark on international marketing best practices
- ***** Empower business alliances and partnerships between other member states







Air Cargo Hub at the Airport







- The development of an Air Cargo hub to attract companies dealing with low volume and high value goods such as luxury and jewelry products with diamonds, precious stones, perishable goods, electronics and watches, branded products, among others
- ➤ 33Ha earmarked for air cargo development at the airport







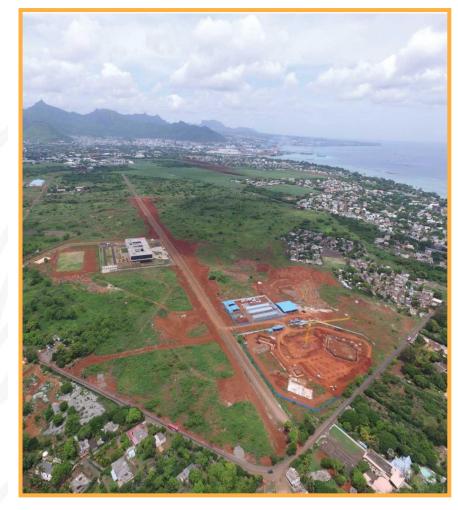
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Riche Terre Business and Industrial Park



325 arpents for the setting up of a business and industrial park near the port







Procedures for Freeport Licenses

The Economic Development Board of Mauritius (EDB), as regulator, promoter and administrator of the Freeport sector, is responsible for assisting and advising the operators prior to setting up.

The procedures for setting up in the freeport are as follows:



Annual license fees:

Freeport operators: MUR 20,000 (approx. 500 Euros)

Logistics Service Providers (3PL & Private): MUR 200,000 (approx. 5000 Euros)









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