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ON RICE

The Government established the policies, principles and regulations for intervention in the public supply of rice and the respective food reserve, through Government Resolution No. 20/2008; Decree-Law No. 28/2008 and Decree No. 13/2008, respectively, all published on August 13;

In accordance with the provisions of articles 3 and 8, the Interministerial Commission approved the sale prices to the public and the subsidy for the costs of transporting rice to wholesalers, according to the territorial distance of the places to which they are destined;

Due to failures in the normal functioning of the market, supply declines occurred which directly and immediately led to an excessive increase in prices, reaching more than twice the normal and fair price, plus strong evidence of speculation;

Being the main objective of the Government's public supply policy, approved by Government Resolution No. 20/2008, of 13 August, providing this food item, essential to families, at an affordable and fair price, assuming the guarantee of public supply of essential goods, as an adequate constitutional and moral obligation,

Thus:

The Government orders, by the Minister of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, under the legal provisions and public supply policy, identified above, to publish the following legal diploma:

Sole Article

1. In order to remedy the situation of insufficiency and distortion of market prices, direct sales to the consumer will take place in all Districts.
2. The consumer sale price is USD \$ 14 (fourteen US dollars) for each bag of 25 kg.
3. Rice will be sold directly by MTCI, with police protection.
4. Before being offered for sale, local authorities, namely the District or Subdistrict and Sucos Administration, in addition to the PNTL¹, will be notified for joint coordination.
5. The transportation of all the rice will be carried out exclusively by means of transportation and by MTCI's own personnel.
6. The proceeds resulting from the intervention and sale, less operating expenses, will be deposited immediately in the Treasury account.
7. The Inspection Services of the MTCI provide full collaboration, with particular attention to the preventive aspects of fraud and diversions that may distort the intervention action, from transportation, to the effective delivery of essential goods to the population.

Be it published.

Dili, 7 June 2011

The Minister of Tourism, Trade and Industry,

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¹ PNTL – National Police of Timor-Leste.