

MINISTERIAL DIPLOMA No. 14/2012

Of 30 MAY 2012

ON INTERVENTION IN PUBLIC SUPPLY OF RICE

The Government established 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 selling prices to the public and the subsidy for the costs of transporting rice to wholesalers, according to the average of the territorial distances from the places to which they are destined;

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, with priority to remote population areas;

Bearing in mind that these areas are those with the greatest financial need, the general unit price should be lowered from USD \$ 12 to USD \$ 10;

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. To address the situation of insufficiency and market prices, the intervention of direct sales to the consumer will be the same in all districts, with priority to remote and mountain areas.
2. The sale price to the consumer is USD \$ 10 (ten US dollars) for each bag of 25 kg, throughout the national territory.
3. Rice will be sold to companies certified by the Food Safety Management Unit, in accordance with the joint selection of the Directorate-General and the Audit. DNAF¹ will be heard.
4. Contracted companies will pay the global and unit price of USD \$ 7 (seven US dollars) for each bag of 25 kg and, in addition to the requirements to be included in the respective Terms of Reference, to be prepared by the MTCI Services referred to in preceding paragraph are obliged and responsible for:
 - a) Be duly licensed and registered for tax purposes (MTCI and TIN² license), with a certificate of debts to the State;
 - b) Distribution of rice to all districts, with priority for remote and mountain locations, according to the approved plan;
 - c) Provide a bank guarantee for this purpose in the amount of up to USD \$ 50,000 (fifty thousand US dollars);

¹ DNAF – National Directorate of Administration and Finances, a Unit within the Minister of Tourism, Commerce and Industry.

² TIN – Tax Identification Number.

- d) Have adequate means of transportation to access remote locations;
 - e) Do not sell more than 2 bags of 25 kg per person;
 - f) Accountability for rice, including losses, theft or road accidents, from leaving State warehouses up to final sale;
 - g) Other requirements contained in the Terms of Reference referred to above.
5. Being in locations where local authorities, namely the District or Subdistrict and Sucos Administration, in addition to the PNTL³, can be notified for joint coordination.
6. The proceeds resulting from the intervention and sale, 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.

To the Services referred to in paragraph 3 for immediate preparation of criteria, terms of reference, selection and execution.

Be it published.

Dili, April 19, 2012

The Minister of Tourism, Trade and Industry,

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³ PNTL – National Police of Timor-Leste.