

Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services

No. 16, B.E. 2560 (2017)

Regarding Declaration and Labeling to Display the Price of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Filled in Container (LPG)

Whereas the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has repealed the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 1, B.E. 2559 (2016) regarding the Determination of Goods and Services under Control dated 21 January B.E. 2559 (2016), resulting in the end of enforcement of the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 15, B.E. 2559 (2016) regarding Declaration and Labeling to Display the Price of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Filled in Container (Liquid Natural Gas) dated 25 January B.E. 2559 (2016). In the meantime, the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has already reconsidered the exercise of its power regarding the stipulation of the aforesaid measure, it is of the view that the measure requiring a business operator to declare and to label the display of the price of liquefied petroleum gas filled in a container (liquid natural gas) should be maintained, in order to undertake the supervision that consumers shall not be taken the price advantage by the business operator.

By virtue of Section 9 (2), (3), (5), Section 25 (3), (4), (5), paragraph one of Section 26 and section 28 of the Price of Goods and Services Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has therefore issued this Notification, as follows.

Article 1. This Notification shall come into force in all areas of the Kingdom for the period of one year as from the day following the date of its publication.¹

Article 2. In this Notification,

“Gas trader” means an oil trader with the yearly quantity of each type of trade or the combination of all types of trade starting from one hundred thousand metric tons upward, or an oil trader in the only type of liquefied petroleum gas with the yearly quantity of trade starting from fifty thousand metric tons upward, pursuant to Section 7 of Fuel Trade Act, B.E. 2543 (2000),

“Gas filling person” means a person who has received a license to operate the business of gas filling under the law on the filling of liquefied petroleum gas.

¹ Published in the Government Gazette, Volume 134, Special Part 82 d, Page 84, dated 17th March B.E. 2560 (2017).

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Article 3. The gas trader is required to declare the information on change in the distribution price of liquefied petroleum gas within twenty four hours as from the time of change in the distribution price.

Article 4. The gas filling person is required to declare the information on the distribution price of liquefied petroleum gas filled in a container (LPG) within two days as from the date of change in the distribution price.

Article 5. A distributor is required to display the retail price of distribution of liquefied petroleum gas filled in a container (LPG) and the service charge for transportation to a purchaser's place or other expenses in addition to the price of liquefied petroleum gas filled in a container (LPG). In this regard, the distributor shall have to clearly and completely display the service charge for transportation and such expenses together with the display of the price of liquefied petroleum gas filled in a container (LPG) in a manner of being clearly seen and disclosed, in capable of being easily read. The contents or items to be displayed concurrently with the price must be made in Thai language, regardless of whether there are other foreign languages or not.

The display of the retail price of distribution under paragraph one shall be undertaken by writing, printing or making appearance by other methods on paper, wood, mirror, wall or any other material.

The display of the retail price of distribution shall be undertaken in the form of the price per unit. Such price must be made in Thai or Arabic figure in the high size of not lower than seven centimeters, being displayed in front of the place of distribution which can be seen from the outside of the place.

Article 6. In a case where there is a purchase order of liquefied petroleum gas filled in a container (LPG) by telephone, the distributor is required to inform a purchaser of the retail price of distribution as displayed which includes the service charge for transportation to a purchaser's place or other expenses under Article 5 at every time prior to the purchase.

Article 7. The declaration under Article 3 or Article 4 shall be made to the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services in the form prescribed by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services at the following governmental offices:

- (1) As for the gas trader, the declaration shall be made at the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce;
- (2) As for the gas filling person having the head office located in the following areas: Bangkok Metropolis, Nonthaburi Province, Pathum Thani Province, Samut Prakan Province, and Samut Sakhon Province, the declaration shall be made at the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce;

(3) As for the gas filling person having the head office located in other province than those specified in (2), the declaration shall be made at the Provincial Commercial Office in the province concerned.

The declaration under paragraph one shall be made by registered and replied mail, facsimile or electronic data, whereby the date when there is a daily seal affixed at the origin post office shall be deemed as the date of declaration. In a case of the declaration by facsimile, the date when the facsimile is received by a competent official shall be deemed as the date of intention of declaration. In a case of the declaration by electronic data, the date when the electronic data enters into the data system of the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce shall be deemed as the date of declaration.

The declaration by facsimile under paragraph two shall be valid when the gas trader or the gas filling person has already submitted the original document to the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

The gas trader or the gas filling person who wishes to declare information via electronic data shall have to sign in the memorandum of agreement to declare information via electronic data in accordance with the rules and procedures as prescribed by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

Article 8. When the gas trader or the gas filling person has requested the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services to extend the specified period of time in this Notification; or when the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has deemed as appropriate; the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services may give an order to make an extension of the specified period of time prior to the expiry date of such period. Nevertheless, such extension shall be made only when there is a special circumstance or an unavoidable event; and the gas trader or the gas filling person has requested; or the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has given an order prior to the expiry date of such period, except for the case of force majeure.

Article 9. The distributor is required to distribute at a price not higher than the displayed price under Article 5.

Given on the 24th Day of January B.E. 2560 (2017)

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