

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

No. 4, B.E. 2562 (2019)

Regarding Control of Transport of Paddy, Rice

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Whereas the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has repealed the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 1, B.E. 2561 (2018) regarding Determination of Goods and Services under Control dated 22 January B.E. 2561 (2018), resulting in the end of enforcement of the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 4, B.E. 2561 (2018) regarding Control of Transport of Paddy, Rice dated 23 January B.E. 2561 (2018). 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 of the control of transport of paddy, rice should be maintained in order to bring about the fairness of price, quantity and the maintenance of stability of the rice market system within the Kingdom, and the channel of applying for permission to transport should be expanded, in order to bring about the facilitation to business operators.

By virtue of Section 9 (2) and Section 25 (4), (7) 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.<sup>1</sup>

**Article 2.** In this Notification,

“rice” means rice, pieces of rice, broken-milled rice.

**Article 3.** It is prohibited for a person to transport either paddy or rice, or both, whereby the quantity of which per each time of transport starts from ten metric tons upward leaving the following district areas. The aforesaid prohibition shall not be applicable to the person who receives a letter of permission from the Chairperson of the Provincial

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<sup>1</sup> Published in the Government Gazette, Volume 136, Special Part 102 d, Page 74, dated 24 April B.E. 2562 (2019).

Committee on the Price of Goods and Services or the official who is appointed by the Chairperson of the Provincial Committee on the Price of Goods and Services or the Provincial Commercial Officer, for the province in a case where the transport shall take place in the district area in that province.

- (1) Pong Nam Ron District and Soi Dao District, Chanthaburi Province,
- (2) Khlong Yai District and Bo Rai District, Trat Province,
- (3) Aranyaprathet District, Khlong Hat District, Ta Phraya District and Khok Sung District, Sa Kaeo Province,
- (4) Ban Kruat District and Lahan Sai District, Buriram Province,
- (5) Phanom Dong Rak District, Kap Choeng District, Buachet District and Sangkha District, Surin Province,
- (6) Phu Sing District, Khun Han District and Kantharalak District, Sisaket Province,
- (7) Sirindhorn District, Khong Chiam District, Pho Sai District, Na Tan District, Khemarat District, Buntharik District, Na Chaluai District and Nam Yuen District, Ubon Ratchathani Province,
- (8) Chanuman District, Amnat Charoen Province,
- (9) Mueang District, Wan Yai District and Don Tan District, Mukdahan Province,
- (10) Mueang District, That Phanom District, Tha Uthen District and Ban Phaeng District, Nakhon Phanom Province,
- (11) Mueang District, Phon Phisai District, Rattanawapi District, Tha Bo District, Si Chiang Mai District and Sangkhom District, Nong Khai Province,
- (12) Mueang District, Bung Khla District, Bueng Khong Long District and Pak Khat District, Bueng Kan Province,
- (13) Tha Li District, Chiang Khan District, Pak Chom District, Na Haeo District, Dan Sai District and Phu Ruea District, Loei Province,
- (14) Chat Trakan District, Phitsanulok Province,
- (15) Ban Khok District, Uttaradit Province,
- (16) Chaloe Phra Kiat District, Song Khwae District and Thung Chang District, Nan Province,
- (17) Phu Sang District and Chiang Kham District, Phayao Province,
- (18) Mae Sai District, Chiang Saen District, Chiang Khong District, Wiang Kaen District, Mae Fa Luang District, Mae Chan District and Thoeng District, Chiang Rai Province,

(19) Mae Ai District, Fang District, Wiang Haeng District and Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai Province,

(20) Mae Sot District, Tak Province.

It is also prohibited for a person to transport either paddy or rice imported from foreign countries, or both, whereby the quantity of which per each time of transport starts from ten metric tons upward entering the specified districts under paragraph one. The aforesaid prohibition shall not be applicable to the person who receives a letter of permission from the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services or the official who is appointed by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

**Article 4.** In a case of any person already receiving the letter of permission for the transport of paddy or rice entering or leaving the specified district under Article 3, such person is exempted from applying for the permission for the transport with a competent official in another district area in which there is prohibition of the transport of entering or leaving under Article 3.

**Article 5.** The provision as specified in paragraph one of Article 3 shall not be applicable to the following transport of paddy, rice:

(1) the transport of paddy owned by an agriculturist leaving the specified district area under Article 3 for the neighboring district area, whereby there must be a certificate of registration of an agriculturist as a rice grower issued by Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, as an evidence of transport;

(2) the transport of paddy, rice leaving other district area in the Kingdom, whereby the area of the specified district under Article 3 shall be the gateway of transport to the destination place;

(3) the transport of rice in hermetically sealed containers with labels specifying the name and address of a producer and a packer in the Kingdom, whereby the weight per unit of package does not exceed fifty kilograms.

**Article 6.** The application for permission under Article 3 shall be filed to a competent official at the following governmental offices:

(1) The Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce, in a case of the transport of paddy or rice imported from foreign countries;

(2) The Provincial Commercial Office in the area in which the transport originally takes place;

(3) The District Office in the area in which the transport originally takes place, in a case where the Chairperson of the Provincial Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has appointed a sheriff to be a competent official to give a letter of permission.

The application for permission under paragraph one may be filed via the electronic system of the application for permission for the transport of controlled goods. In this regard, the date when the electronic data entering into the electronic system of the application for permission for the transport of controlled goods arranged by 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 filing the application.

Before filing the application, the person who has an intention to file the application via the electronic system of the application for permission for the transport of controlled goods must sign on the memorandum of agreement with the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce in accordance with the regulation laid down by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

Rules and procedures in relation to the application, the permission, the form of letter of permission and the method of transport shall be in accordance with the stipulation made by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

**Article 7.** The person who has received the letter of permission for the transport of paddy or rice shall have to transport paddy or rice following the type, the quality, the quantity, the period of time, the place and the use of vehicle with registration number as specified in such letter. In addition, he/she must bring the letter of permission together with him/her in every time of transport.

The letter of permission shall be applicable for one time of transport only.

The transport which is contrary to paragraph one and the rules and procedures under paragraph four of Article 6 shall be deemed to be the transport without receiving the permission under this Notification.

**Article 8.** In a case where any person has received the letter of permission for the transport of paddy or rice leaving the specified district or for the transport of paddy or rice imported from foreign countries entering the areas stipulated under Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 4, B.E. 2561 (2018) regarding Control of Transport of Paddy or Rice dated 23 January B.E. 2561 (2018) and the duration which is specified in the letter of permission for the transport does not expire on the date when this Notification comes into force, it shall be deemed that such person is granted the permission for the transport of paddy or rice or for the transport of paddy or rice imported from foreign countries under this Notification, and the letter of permission shall be valid until the duration which is specified in the letter of permission for the transport expires.

Given on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of January B.E. 2562 (2019)

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