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

No. 56, B.E. 2564 (2021)

Regarding Stipulation of Rules, Conditions on Purchase, and Display of Purchase Price as regards Unmilled Rice¹

Whereas the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 18, B.E. 2563 (2020) regarding Determination of Goods and Services under Control dated 1st July B.E. 2563 (2020) comes to an end, resulting in the end of enforcement of the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 66, B.E. 2563 (2020) regarding Stipulation of Rules, Conditions on Purchase, and Display of Purchase Price as regards Unmilled Rice dated 1st July B.E. 2563 (2020). 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 who purchases the unmilled rice to display the purchase price in accordance with the moisture standard, the deductible rate of the weight of moisture, and the deductible rate of the weight of impurities should be maintained. This measure is added a condition on the purchase by prohibiting the business operator who purchases the unmilled rice from charging for the service of weighing in order that an agriculturist shall receive fairness in terms of price.

By virtue of Section 9 (2), (5), Section 25 (3), (4), 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 therefore issues 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, except for there being the issuance of a new notification.

¹ Published in the Government Gazette, Volume 138, Special Part 242 d, Page 300, dated 3rd October B.E. 2564 (2021).

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Article 2. In the determination of the purchase price of the unmilled rice by the business operator who purchases the unmilled rice, the purchase price in accordance with the moisture standard of the unmilled rice as purchased shall be clearly specified, whereby the moisture of not exceeding 15 percent shall be specified for the unmilled rice in general, and the moisture at 25 percent shall be specified for the unmilled rice which is harvested freshly.

In the case where the unmilled rice as purchased has the moisture higher than that as specified in paragraph one, the deductible rate of the weight of moisture at every 1 percent shall be displayed. As for the weight of moisture which is increased, the deduction of moisture weight is permitted not exceeding 15 kilograms per metric tons of each percent.

Article 3. As for the deduction of weight due to there being impurities in the unmilled rice which is sold, the business operator who purchases the unmilled rice is prohibited from making the deduction of the weight of impurities in case of there being impurities not exceeding 2 percent of weight. Nevertheless, in the case of there being impurities exceeding 2 percent of weight, the deduction of the weight of impurities is permitted. The computation of such deduction is that the impurities as measured shall be deducted by 2 percent, and the balance shall be computed for the deduction of weight not exceeding 10 kilograms per metric tons of each percent.

Article 4. The display of the purchase price, the deductible rate of the weight of moisture, and the deductible rate of the weight of impurities under Article 2 and Article 3 shall be made in an area in front of the place of purchase and the purchase point, whereby the price and rate as displayed shall be the same price and rate.

The display of price unit, the deductible rate of the weight of moisture under Article 2, and the deductible rate of the weight of impurities under Article 3 shall be made in the form of the price and rate per the unit of metric ton.

The display of items as specified in paragraph one shall be made in whichever figure of any language; however, there must be Arabic figure in the display in the high size of not lower than ten centimeters in the manner of being clear, disclosed and legible. The contents or items to be displayed concurrently must be made in Thai language, regardless of whether there are other foreign languages or not.

Article 5. In purchasing the unmilled rice, the business operator who purchases the unmilled rice shall purchase at the price not lower than the displayed price, and the deduction of the weight of moisture and the deduction of the weight of impurities shall be made in line with the items as displayed under Article 4. In addition, the business operator who purchases the unmilled rice is prohibited from charging for the service of weighing the unmilled rice which is purchased.

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