

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

**No. 5, B.E. 2562 (2019)**

Regarding Control of Transport and Arrangement of Account for Controlling Rice in State's Stock in which the Committee on Rice Policy and Management Has Approved to Release to Industry

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Whereas the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has repealed the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 1, B.E. 2561 (2018) regarding Determination of Goods and Services under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. 5, B.E. 2561 (2018) regarding Control of Transport and Arrangement of Account for Controlling Rice in State's Stock in which the Committee on Rice Policy and Management Has Approved to Release to Industry 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 arrangement of account for controlling rice in the stock of the state in which the Committee on Rice Policy and Management has approved to release to the industry should be adjusted, in order to examine and prevent the rice in the stock of the state which shall be used in the industry from being misused, or prevent the release of the rice in the stock of the state to the industry from leaking out and mixing up with the normal consumed rice market, which may damage the whole system of rice trade and affect confidence in the quality of rice for consuming as well as the distribution price which agriculturists shall derive.

By virtue of Section 9 (2) and Section 25 (3), (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 in the stock of the state in which the Committee on Rice Policy and Management has approved to release to the industry.

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<sup>1</sup> Published in the Government Gazette, Volume 136, Special Part 102 d, Page 77, dated 24 April B.E. 2562 (2019).

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**Article 3.** It is prohibited for a person to transport rice leaving any area in the Kingdom. 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.** The application for permission under Article 3 for the transport of rice leaving all areas throughout the Kingdom 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, or

(2) The Head Office of Public Warehouse Organization or Marketing Organization for Farmers in which there is a payment point and the issuance of rice delivery order.

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 5.** In a case of rice being transported out of the state's place of storage and stopped within the private sector's place of storage prior to bringing into the industry, the application for transport permission under Article 3 must be filed again with a competent official at the governmental office under Article 4 (1) when a business operator wishes to transport rice from the private sector's place of storage to the industry.

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 under paragraph two of Article 4.

**Article 6.** The person who has received the letter of permission for the transport of rice shall have to transport 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 two of Article 4 or paragraph two of Article 5 shall be deemed to be the transport without receiving the permission under this Notification.

**Article 7.** A business operator who is eligible under the bid for rice in the government's stock shall have to make the account for goods control. In the account, there must be the type, the receiving quantity, the quantity of use, the quantity of distribution, the remaining quantity,

the name and address of a purchaser or a receiver, on a dairy basis, as from the date when he/she receives rice at the place of storage. In addition, the business operator shall keep the account with the evidence of rice acquirement at the place for goods storage in order that a competent official is able to examine the account and evidence at all times.

**Article 8.** In the case of the person who has received of the letter of permission for the transport of rice leaving any area in the Kingdom under Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 5, B.E. 2561 (2018) Regarding Control of Transport and Arrangement of Account for Controlling Rice in State's Stock in which the Committee on Rice Policy and Management Has Approved to Release to Industry dated 23 January B.E. 2561 (2018) and the period as mentioned in the letter of permission for the transport of rice being not expired on the date on which this Notification comes into force, it shall be deemed that this person is granted the permission for the transport of rice under this Notification and the permission is still valid until the period under the aforesaid letter of permission for the transport of rice shall expire.

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

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