

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

No. 41, B.E. 2560 (2017)

Regarding Stipulation of Rules, Conditions of Purchase, and Display of Purchase Price
as regards Paddy

Whereas the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has repealed the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 1, B.E. 2559 (2016) regarding Determination of Goods and Services under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. 40, B.E. 2559 (2016) regarding Stipulation of Rules, Conditions of Purchase, and Display of Purchase Price as regards Paddy 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 who purchases paddy 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 in order that an agriculturist shall receive the 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 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 the determination of purchase price of paddy by the business operator who purchases paddy, the purchase price in accordance with the moisture standard of paddy as purchased shall be clearly specified, whereby the moisture of not exceeding 15 percent shall be specified for paddy in general, and the moisture at 25 percent shall be specified for fresh harvested paddy.

In a case where the paddy 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.

¹ Published in the Government Gazette, Volume 134, Special Part 82 d, Page 150, dated 17th March B.E. 2560 (2017).

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Article 3. As for the deduction of weight due to there being impurities in the paddy which is sold, it is prohibited for the business operator who purchases paddy to make the deduction of weight of impurities in a case of there being impurities not exceeding 2 percent of weight. Nevertheless, in a case of there being impurities exceeding 2 percent of weight, the deduction of 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 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 regardless of whether there are figures of any language or not; 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 and disclosed, in capable of being easily read. 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 paddy, the business operator who purchases paddy shall have to 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 have to be undertaken in line with the items as displayed under Article 4.

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