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

No. 17, B.E. 2564 (2021)

Regarding Rules and Procedures in relation to Application, Permission, Form of Letter of Permission and Method of Transport of Unmilled Rice, Rice via Electronic System¹

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Whereas the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services already issued the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No.12, B.E. 2564 (2021) regarding Control of Transport of Unmilled Rice, Rice dated 1st July B.E. 2564 (2021), prescribing that anyone is prohibited from transporting the unmilled rice or the rice, the unmilled rice or the rice as imported from foreign countries, either or both together, whereby the quantity of which per each time of transport starts at ten metric tons upwards, leaving or entering specified areas. The aforesaid prohibition shall not be applicable to the person who receives a letter of permission for the transport. The application for permission may be filed via the electronic system of the application for permission for the transport of controlled goods. The rules and procedures in relation to the application, the permission, the form of the letter of permission and the method of the transport shall be in accordance with the stipulations as made by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

In order to comply with the government policy on the provision of services via the electronic system, Thailand 4.0, and to reduce the steps and the duration of applying for the permission and issuing the letter of permission for the transport of the unmilled rice, the rice which shall facilitate a business operator, by virtue of paragraph four of Article 6 of the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 12, B.E. 2564 (2021) regarding Control of Transport of Unmilled Rice, Rice dated 1st July B.E. 2564 (2021), the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services therefore issues this Notification, as follows.

Article 1. This Notification shall come into force as from the date of its publication.

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Article 2. In this Notification,

"Secretary-General" means the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services;

"electronic system of transport" means the electronic system of the application for permission for the transport of controlled goods as set up by the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade;

"applicant" means the person who has an intention to apply for the permission for the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice via the electronic system of transport;

"digital signature" means a letter, a character, a number, a sound, or any other symbol which is created in the electronic form that shall be used with electronic information to indicate the relationship between a person and the electronic information, the purpose of which is to identify the person who is the owner of the digital signature in relation to such electronic information and to indicate that the aforesaid person accepts the contents of such electronic information;

"letter of permission for transport" means the letter of permission for the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice which is proceeded via the electronic system of transport under this Notification;

"competent official" means the ordinary civil servant in the rank of operational or practitioner level upwards under the supervision of the Department of Internal Trade, being entrusted by the Secretary-General to have his/her duty to supervise the electronic system of transport, and the ordinary civil servant in the rank of operational or practitioner level upwards under the supervision of the Provincial Commercial Office, the Office of the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Commerce, being entrusted by the Provincial Commercial Officer to have his/her duty to supervise the electronic system of transport.

Chapter 1 Application for Permission

Article 3. The person, who wishes to apply for the permission for the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice via the electronic system of the application for permission for the transport of controlled goods pursuant to the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 12, B.E. 2564 (2021) regarding Control of Transport of Unmilled Rice, Rice dated 1st July B.E. 2564 (2021), is required to file the application to the competent official via the electronic system of transport.

- **Article 4.** The person, who wishes to apply for the permission for the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice via the electronic system of transport, is required to take and follow the following steps and methods.
- (1) To access the electronic system of transport via the website of the Department of Internal Trade (www.dit.go.th) by choosing an online service, the electronic system of the application for permission for the transport of controlled goods, or to access the electronic system of transport directly at https://transport.dit.go.th/ca, by using a username which has been informed to the Secretary-General and a password which has been provided by the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade.
- (2) To fill details in an application for the letter of permission for transport, and to attach the following electronic files of documents and evidence in a clear manner,
- (a) in the case of an application for the permission for the transport of the unmilled rice, the rice
- 1) the certificate issued by the Office of the Company and Partnership Registration specifying the objectives, the names of director and authorized person to bind the juristic person, which has been certified by the registrar prior to the date of filing the application for permission not exceeding six months, in case of a juristic person,
 - 2) a copy of identity card, in case of an ordinary person,
- 3) evidence showing the source, acquirement, purchase and sale, ownership or possession right of the unmilled rice, the rice,
- (b) in the case of an application for the permission for the transport of the unmilled rice, the rice as imported from foreign countries
 - 1) documents and evidence as specified in (a) 1), 2) or 3), as the case may be,
- 2) the certificate of origin of goods in ASEAN Free Trade Area (FORM D) or the certificate of origin of goods in accordance with the obligation of agricultural agreement under World Trade Organization (WTO), as the case may be, as issued by a government agency or the other agency, who is empowered to issue the aforesaid certificate, of an exporting country,
- 3) the letter of permission for importation into the Kingdom issued by the Department of Foreign Trade,
- 4) Phytosanitary Certificate as issued by a government agency or the other agency who is entrusted by the government agency of an exporting country,

- 5) a certificate, a testimonial or any other document or evidence specifying that goods as imported into the Kingdom are safe for the life or health of humans, animals or plants, and not being Genetically Modified Organisms (Non-GMOs), as issued by a government agency or the other agency, who is empowered to issue the aforesaid certificate, of an exporting country,
- (c) in the case where a receiver at a destination is unable to receive the unmilled rice, the rice under Article 13, the applicant is required to fill in the number of the letter of permission for transport relating to such an incident.
- (3) After having already corrected and completed the application together with the attachment of the files of documents and evidence under (2), the applicant is required to put the digital signature in the application for the letter of permission for transport and to press recording.

When the electronic system of transport has already sent a message to confirm the sending of the application, it shall be deemed that the applicant has already filed the application for permission via the electronic system of transport completely.

Chapter 2 Permission

Article 5. When the competent official has already received the application together with the documents and evidence under Article 4, he/she shall examine the correctness and completion of the application, the documents and evidence. After having considered that they are incorrect or incomplete, he/she shall inform the applicant to amend the application or to submit the correct and complete documents and evidence within a specified period.

In the case where the applicant fails to perform within a specified period, it shall be deemed that he/she abandons the application, and the competent official shall discard the aforesaid application.

When the competent official has considered that the application, the documents and evidence are correct and complete, he/she shall record the receipt of the application and the confirmation for the correctness. Thereafter, the competent official shall put forward his/her preliminary opinion to the Secretary-General or the official who is entrusted by the Secretary-General or the Provincial Commercial Officer, as the case may be, for consideration to put the digital signature in the letter of permission for transport via the electronic system of transport. In this regard, the correctness of acquirement and the necessity to transport shall be taken into consideration.

When the letter of permission for transport via the electronic system of transport has been issued, the competent official under paragraph one shall send the information regarding the letter of permission for transport via the electronic system of transport to the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, or the Provincial Commercial Office of the area where is the destination of the transport, in order for the examination of the transport.

Article 6. The letter of permission for transport shall be valid for the following duration.

- (1) As for the transport by land and by car, the computation for the duration of transport as permitted shall be made on the basis of distance of the first one hundred kilometers per three hours and every distance of the next one hundred kilometers per three hours, the fraction of one hundred kilometers per another three hours.
- (2) As for the transport by land and by train, the transport by sea, or the transport by other ways, the duration of transport shall be fixed as appropriate.

In the case of necessity in which the transport may not be able to undertake on the basis of distance of one hundred kilometers per three hours as specified in (1) or the duration as fixed under (2), the Secretary-General or the official who is entrusted by the Secretary-General or the Provincial Commercial Officer, as the case may be, shall be the person to consider for approval on the case by case basis.

The authority who issues the letter of permission for transport is required to specify the starting date and time and the ending date and time of the validity of the letter of permission for transport in such letter.

The letter of permission for transport shall be in accordance with the form as attached to this Notification.

Article 7. The person, who has received the letter of permission for transport but cannot transport within the specified period of time and quantity, shall apply for the cancellation of the aforesaid letter of permission for transport to the authority, who issues the letter of permission for transport via the electronic system of transport, within three days as from the expiration date of the letter of permission for transport. In applying for the cancellation of the letter of permission for transport, the following actions shall be taken.

- (1) To confirm his/her identity in order to have access to the electronic system of transport, and to give a reason for the cancellation in the application for the cancellation of the letter of permission for transport.
- (2) To put the digital signature in the application for the cancellation of the letter of permission for transport by pressing recording.

(3) When the competent official has already received the application for the cancellation of the letter of permission for transport, he/she shall present such an application to the authority, who issues the letter of permission for transport, for consideration to put the digital signature in the application for the cancellation of the letter of permission for transport in the electronic system of transport. This shall be deemed that the aforesaid cancellation of the letter of permission for transport has already been completed.

Article 8. The applicant shall type the letter of permission for transport from the electronic system of transport, whereby it is prohibited to amend or add contents in the letter of permission for transport. And it shall be deemed that the letter of permission for transport which is typed out of the electronic system of transport is the original of the letter of permission for transport under this Notification.

The original of the letter of permission for transport as typed out of the electronic system of transport shall have the digital signature of the person, who has authority to grant the permission for transport under the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 12, B.E. 2564 (2021) regarding Control of Transport of Unmilled Rice, Rice dated 1st July B.E. 2564 (2021), and the seal of a government agency. In this regard, it shall be deemed that the letter of permission for transport as stored on the electronic system of transport is the duplicate of the letter of permission for transport under this Notification.

In the case where the applicant is unable to inform about the registration number of a vehicle which is used for the transport at the same time of filing an application for the letter of permission for transport, prior to typing the original of the letter of permission for transport, the applicant is required to inform about the registration number of the vehicle which is used for the transport on the electronic system of transport and to attach the photo files (.jpg) of the driver's driving license and the vehicle which is used for the transport in the manner that the registration number can be clearly seen.

Chapter 3 Transportation

Article 9. The applicant is required to give the original of the letter of permission for transport as typed out of the electronic system of transport to the driver or the controller of the vehicle. He/she must bring the original with him/her in the vehicle in every time of the transport in order that the original is able to be examined all the time.

Article 10. The transport shall be used to correspond with the type, the quality, the quantity, the period of time as permitted to transport, the place of destination, and the use of the vehicle with the registration number as specified in the letter of permission for transport. The letter of permission for transport shall be applicable for one time of transport only.

Article 11. In the case where there is an obstruction during the period of transport, which causes the delay of transport to be inconsistent with the duration of transport as permitted by the letter of permission for transport under Article 6, the applicant is required to ask for an extension of the period of time for transport. In this regard, the following steps and methods shall be taken and followed by the driver or the controller of the vehicle.

- (1) To set up an electronic device for allowing access to the location service of the electronic device (location service) which is able to specify the coordinates of the place where the obstruction takes place at that time.
- (2) To scan QR code in the letter of permission for transport in order to have access to the electronic system of transport, and to choose a menu about informing the cause of the obstruction.
- (3) To fill details in the application for informing the cause of the obstruction of the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice, and to attach the photo files (.jpg) of relevant documents, evidence and information, as follows:
- (a) the name surname, the number of the identity card of the driver or the controller of the vehicle who informs the cause of the obstruction,
- (b) the number of the letter of permission for transport which encounters the obstruction, and the obstruction which causes the delay of transport to be inconsistent with the duration of transport as permitted by the letter of permission for transport, in the case of having documents or evidence showing the obstruction, the attachment of the photo files (.jpg) of such documents or evidence (if any) shall also be sent,
 - (c) the place where the obstruction takes place,
- (d) the duration of the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice which shall be asked for the extension of the period of time to the duration of transport as permitted by the letter of permission for transport,

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(e) the registration number together with the attachment of the photo file of the vehicle which is used for the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice at the time when the obstruction takes place in the manner that the registration number can be clearly seen, and the number of the driver's driving license which is used at the time when the obstruction takes place together with the attachment of the photo file, in the case where there is the necessity of changing the vehicle or the driver for the transport, the registration number shall be informed together with the attachment of the photo file of the new vehicle which is used for the transport in the manner that the photo of the aforesaid vehicle can be clearly seen the registration number of the vehicle, and the number of the new driver's driving license together with the attachment of the photo file,

(f) the name – surname, the number of the identity card of a witness at the place where the obstruction takes place (if any).

(4) To press recording after the completion of steps (1) – (3), and the applicant is required to confirm his/her identity in order to have access to the electronic system of transport, and to review the correctness and completion of the details of information and the photo files (.jpg) relevant to informing about the cause of the obstruction, and to press recording for the confirmation of informing about the cause of the obstruction in the application for informing about the cause of the obstruction of the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice.

Informing about the cause of the obstruction which has already been done correctly and completely under paragraph one shall be deemed that informing about the cause of the obstruction to the authority who issues the letter of permission for transport is valid. In this regard, the transport is allowed to continued. The information and the photo files (.jpg) must be accurate and complete in all respects and shall be deemed as evidence which can be referred in legal proceedings. In the event that the competent official has subsequently found that the aforesaid information and the photo files (.jpg) are false or inaccurate and incomplete, it shall be deemed that the transport after informing about the cause of the obstruction is the transport without receiving permission.

When the information relating to informing about the cause of the obstruction under paragraph one has already accessed to the electronic system of transport, the authority who issues the letter of permission for transport shall appropriately consider granting permission for the extension of the period of time for transport. In this regard, the authority shall take reasons and necessities for the cause of the obstruction which has been informed into consideration on the case by case basis. The extension of the period of time for transport shall be granted not exceeding twenty-four hours as from the ending of the period of time for transport as specified in the letter of permission for transport.

In the case where the applicant, the driver or the controller of the vehicle under paragraph one considers that as for the obstruction which takes place, despite having asked for the extension of the period of time for transport, the transport is incapable of being continued to the place of destination within the period of time as perhaps granted permission for the extension of the period of time for transport under paragraph three. The applicant, the driver or the controller of the vehicle is required to apply for the cancellation of the letter of permission for transport under Article 7, and to re-apply for the permission for transport under this Notification.

Article 12. When the transport arrives at the place of destination, the applicant shall have the driver or the controller of the vehicle give the original of the letter of permission for transport to the receiver at the destination in order that he/she shall write his/her signature together with the date, month, year and time of receiving the unmilled rice or the rice in accordance with the type, the quality and the quantity as specified in the letter of permission for transport. And the following steps and methods shall be taken and followed by the receiver at the destination.

- (1) To set up an electronic device for allowing access to the location service of the electronic device (location service) which is able to specify the coordinates of the place of destination where the unmilled rice or the rice is received at that time.
- (2) To scan QR code in the letter of permission for transport in order to have access to the electronic system of transport, and to choose a menu about the confirmation of receiving/not receiving goods, by filling in the name surname, the number of the identity card of the receiver at the destination.
- (3) To attach the photo files (.jpg) of the identity card of the receiver at the destination and the vehicle which is used for the transport of the unmilled rice or the rice in the manner that the registration number can be clearly seen.
- (4) To record information concerning the unmilled rice or the rice in accordance with the type, the quality and the quantity as specified in the letter of permission for transport, and to press recording.
- **Article 13.** In the case where the receiver at the destination as specified in the letter of permission for transport is unable to receive the unmilled rice or the rice, the applicant shall have the receiver at the destination take and follow the following steps and methods.

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- (1) To set up an electronic device for allowing access to the location service of the electronic device (location service) which is able to specify the coordinates of the place of destination where the unmilled rice or the rice is possibly received at that time.
- (2) To have the receiver at the destination scan QR code in the letter of permission for transport and choose a menu about the confirmation of receiving/not receiving goods, by filling in the name surname, the number of the identity card of the receiver and giving a reason why he/she is unable to receive the unmilled rice or the rice under the letter of permission for transport together with attaching the photo files (.jpg) of the identity card of the receiver at the destination and the vehicle which is used for the aforesaid transport in the manner that the registration number can be clearly seen, and pressing the recording of information.
- (3) The applicant shall confirm his/her identity in order to have access to the electronic system of transport by choosing the number of the letter of permission for transport which the receiver at the destination has already taken the steps under (2) and choosing a menu about not receiving goods by filling in a reason why the receiver at the destination is unable to receive the unmilled rice or the rice under the letter of permission for transport together with specifying the place of destination where the applicant wishes to continue to transport. And the applicant is required to review the information and reason of the receiver at the destination for rejecting the receipt of the unmilled rice or the rice under (2). After considering that the information and reason are correct and complete, the applicant shall press recording for the confirmation of informing about the cause of the obstruction.
- (4) When the competent official at the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, or the Provincial Commercial Office, which is the destination place of transport, has already been informed the incidents under (2) and (3) via the electronic system of transport, he/she is required to record the aforesaid incidents via the electronic system of transport. This shall be deemed that informing about the incident that the receiver at the destination is unable to receive the unmilled rice or the rice has already been valid.

In the case where the applicant wishes to continue to transport the unmilled rice or the rice by transporting entering or leaving the specified district areas pursuant to the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 12, B.E. 2564 (2021) Regarding Control of Transport of Unmilled Rice, Rice dated 1st July B.E. 2564 (2021), he/she is required to re-apply for permission under this Notification.

Article 14. After having already recorded the receipt of the unmilled rice or the rice under Article 12 or after having already informed about the incident that the receiver at the destination is unable to receive goods as specified in the letter of permission for transport Article 13, as the case may be, in the electronic system of transport, the applicant is required to deliver the original of the letter of permission for transport to the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, or the Provincial Commercial Office, which is the destination place of transport, via the electronic system of transport within seven days as from the day when the recording of the receipt of the unmilled rice or the rice or the recording of informing about the incident that the receiver at the destination is unable to receive goods as specified in the letter of permission for transport, as the case may be, has already been made. In this regard, the following steps and methods shall be taken and followed.

- (1) To confirm his/her identity in order to have access to the electronic system of transport.
- (2) To attach the photo files (.jpg) of the original of the letter of permission for transport which has already been done under Article 12 or Article 13, as the case may be.
 - (3) To put the digital signature in the electronic system of transport and to press recording.

When the competent official of the area where is the destination place of transport has already received information regarding the delivery of the original of the letter of permission for transport via the electronic system of transport under paragraph one, he/she is required to examine the correctness and completion of the information and duration of the delivery before recording the receipt of the aforesaid delivery of the original of the letter of permission for transport. The date and time when the information enters into the electronic system for transport shall be deemed as the date and time of the intention of delivering the original of the letter of permission for transport.

The delivery of the original of the letter of permission for transport under paragraph one and paragraph two shall be valid when the applicant has delivered the original of the letter of permission for transport by himself/herself or by registered and replied mail to the competent official at the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, or the Provincial Commercial Office, which is the destination place of transport.

Given on the 2nd Day of July B.E. 2564 (2021) Wattanasak Sur-iam

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