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

No. 20, B.E. 2560 (2017)

Regarding Declaration of Price and Detail as regards Ready-to-Consume Milk Products in Liquid

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Whereas the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has repealed the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 1, B.E. 2559 (2016) regarding Determination of Goods and Services under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. 19, B.E. 2559 (2016) regarding Declaration of Price and Detail as regards Fresh Milk 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 a business operator should be required to declare information on the price and detail as regards ready-to-consume milk products in liquid, in order to monitor the price movement in order that the price shall be fair to consumers and there shall be the prevention of taking advantage of opportunity from consumers.

By virtue of Section 9 (2), (3), Section 25 (3), (4), (5), and Section 26 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,

"ready-to-consume milk products in liquid" are cow's milk, flavored milk, other milk products which are passed by the process of destroying harmful microorganism with heat by the method of pasteurization, ultra heat treated (UHT), or sterilization.

Article 3. The business operator of ready-to-consume milk products in liquid shall have to declare the name, the trade name, the distribution price, the purchase price, the discount in distribution, the plan and method of distribution in relation to the payment, the promotion of distribution, the standard, the quality, the size, the weight per unit, the name and quantity of an object which is a part of ready-to-consume milk products in liquid with the packing quantity not exceeding five thousand milliliters or as appearing on the date of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Published in the Government Gazette, Volume 134, Special Part 82 d, Page 95, dated 17<sup>th</sup> March B.E. 2560 (2017).

this Notification coming into force, within thirty days as from the date of this Notification coming into force.

The business operator of ready-to-consume milk products in liquid, who does a business after the date of this Notification coming into force or who produces a new product, shall have to declare the information as specified in paragraph one in advance not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the distribution of goods.

In a case where the business operator of ready-to-consume milk products in liquid has already declared information in accordance with the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 19, B.E. 2559 (2016) regarding the Declaration of Price and Detail as regards Fresh Milk dated 25 January B.E.2559 (2016), this shall be deemed that the declaration under paragraph one of this Notification has already been made.

Article 4. The business operator of ready-to-consume milk products in liquid under Article 3 shall mean a producer, a hirer for production, an importer into the Kingdom for distribution, a sole distributor of a producer, or a sole distributor of an importer into the Kingdom.

The provision in paragraph one shall not be applicable to State Enterprise and a producer who undertakes the business of cooperative with the production capacity of below one hundred tons per day pursuant to the law on cooperative.

**Article 5.** It is prohibited for the business operator of ready-to-consume milk products in liquid under Article 4 to distribute in a manner of being different from the declared list or the distribution at a price higher than the declared price under Article 3, unless the business operator receives a permission from the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

The application for permission and the permission under paragraph one shall be in accordance with the Regulation of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services regarding the Stipulation of Rules and Procedures for Consideration of Price Determination and Change in Declared List or Declared Price B.E. 2545 (2002) dated 16 August B.E. 2545 (2002).

In a case where the business operator under Article 4 has already filed the application for permission for change in the list or the price which is different from that has been declared under the Notification of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services No. 19, B.E. 2559 (2016) regarding the Declaration of Price and Detail as regards Fresh Milk dated 25 January B.E. 2559 (2016), this shall be deemed that the application for permission under paragraph one and paragraph two of this Notification has already been filed as from the date of this Notification coming into force.

Article 6. The declaration under Article 3 or the application for permission under Article 5 shall be made to the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of

Goods and Services in the form prescribed by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services at the Office of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services, the Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce.

The declaration under paragraph one shall be made by registered and replied mail, facsimile or electronic data, whereby the date when there is a daily seal affixed at the origin post office shall be deemed as the date of declaration. In a case of the declaration by facsimile, the date when the facsimile is received by a competent official shall be deemed as the date of intention of declaration. In a case of the declaration by electronic data, the date when the electronic data enters into the data system of 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 declaration.

The declaration by facsimile under paragraph two shall be valid when the producer, the hirer for production, the importer into the Kingdom for distribution, the sole distributor of a producer, or the sole distributor of an importer into the Kingdom has already submitted the original document to the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

The producer, the hirer for production, the importer into the Kingdom for distribution, the sole distributor of a producer, or the sole distributor of an importer into the Kingdom, who wishes to declare information via electronic data, shall have to sign in the memorandum of agreement to declare information via electronic data in accordance with the rules and procedures as prescribed by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services.

Article 7. When the producer, the hirer for production, the importer into the Kingdom for distribution, the sole distributor of a producer, or the sole distributor of an importer into the Kingdom has requested the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services to extend the specified period of time in this Notification; or when the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has deemed as appropriate; the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services may give an order to make an extension of the specified period of time prior to the expiry date of such period. Nevertheless, such extension shall be made only when there is a special circumstance or an unavoidable event; and the producer, the hirer for production, the importer into the Kingdom for distribution, the sole distributor of a producer, or the sole distributor of an importer into the Kingdom has requested; or the Secretary-General of the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services has given an order prior to the expiry date of such period, except for the case of force majeure.

Given on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of January B.E. 2560 (2017)

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