



Independent State of Papua New Guinea
National Pandemic Act of 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
No. 11 PRICE CONTROLS

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act of 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. Subject to Paragraph 3, businesses shall not, at wholesale or retail, increase the prices of goods listed in Schedule 1 in excess of 10% from the date of this Measure.
2. Subject to Paragraph 3, businesses shall not increase the prices of services listed in Schedule 2, in excess of 10% from the date of this Measure.
3. A business that increases prices in excess of what is allowed under Paragraph 1 for goods or Paragraph 2 for services, commits an offence, unless:
 - a) prior approval of the Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC) has been obtained; or
 - b) the business can demonstrate that the price increase:
 - (i) does not reflect the taking of an unfair advantage of a consumer; and
 - (ii) does not unconscionably exceed the price at which the good or service was offered for sale prior to this Measure coming into effect; and
 - (iii) does not exceed the price at which the same or similar good, or same or similar service were readily available in PNG from other competing businesses; or
 - c) The business can demonstrate that the price increase reasonably reflects additional costs, not within the control of that business, that was paid, incurred, or reflects additional risks taken to produce distribute, obtain, or sell the relevant good or service under the circumstances attributable to local, national or international market conditions.
4. A business that commits an offence under Paragraph 1 or Paragraph 2, is liable for a fine not exceeding K10,000.00.
5. This Measure shall come into effect on 6 October 2022 and be in force for a period of 90 days but may be renewed at the Direction of the Controller for such consecutive periods, each not exceeding 90 days as the Controller deems appropriate.
6. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the National Pandemic Act may carry out and enforce this measure accordingly.

David Manning MBE, DPS, O.St.J, QPM
Controller

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Schedule 1 Goods

- I. Rice
- II. Flour
- III. Sugar
- IV. Fresh Fruit
- V. Baby Formula
- VI. Soap (both bar and liquid)
- VII. Hand sanitizer
- VIII. COVID 19 Rapid Antigen Test kits
- IX. Cooking oil
- X. Tinned Fish
- XI. Tinned Meat
- XII. Noodles
- XIII. Frozen chicken products
- XIV. Frozen meat products
- XV. Wipes (both adult and baby wipes)

Schedule 2 Services

- I. Medical and health services



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