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REACTIVATION OF LOCAL PRICE COORDINATING COUNCILS

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1.0 Background

- Republic Act No. 7581 provides for the protection of consumers by prescribing measures against undue price increases during emergency situations. It empowers the President, upon the recommendation of the National Price Coordinating Council (NPCC), to impose price ceiling on any basic necessity or prime commodity.
- Republic Act No. 71 requires that all articles of commerce and trade offered for sale to the public at retail shall be publicly displayed with appropriate tags or labels indicating the prices of such articles and such articles to be sold uniformly and without discrimination at the stated price.
- In light of the recent increase in the prices of basic commodities, the NPCC, in coordination with local government units, has to exert extra effort in monitoring prices of basic necessities and prime commodities.

2.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, DILG Regional Directors, and all others concerned

3.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

3.1. General Guidelines

All Local Chief Executives are hereby strongly encouraged to:

- 3.1.1. Reactivate their Local Price Coordinating Councils (LPCCs) to address or forestall and to monitor exorbitant, excessive, and unreasonable price increases of essential prime commodities.
- 3.1.2. Adopt the following measures to address hoarding and exorbitant, excessive, and unreasonable price increases of essential prime commodities:
 - 3.1.2.1. Conduct of regular inspections of public and private markets;
 - 3.1.2.2. Deputation of Barangay Officials and NGOs to monitor abnormal price increases; and

- 3.1.2.3. Active coordination with other appropriate government agencies to prevent unwarranted price increases and hoarding of rice and other prime commodities.

3.2. Powers and Functions of the LPCCs

The following are the powers and functions of the LPCCs as embodied in Section 5, Rule VI, *Creation of the Local Price Coordinating Council, Its Powers and Functions*, pursuant to DTI-DA-DOH-DENR Joint Administrative Order No. 1, s. 1993:

- 3.2.1. Coordinate and rationalize the programs to stabilize prices and supply of member agencies in the respective provinces, cities, and municipalities;
 - 3.2.2. Recommend to the NPCC or to the implementing agencies suggested retail prices (SRP) and/or the price ceilings for certain basic necessities and/or prime commodities in their respective areas;
 - 3.2.3. Conduct in-depth analysis on causes for price fluctuations; and
 - 3.2.4. Recommend action steps to correct unwarranted price increases and supply shortages.
- 3.3. All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all Local Chief Executives, and to see to it that the intent of this Memorandum Circular is accordingly complied with.


4.0 Penal Provision

Non-compliance with this Memorandum Circular shall be dealt with in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

5.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

6.0 Approving Authority


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7.0 Feedback

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