

**[DTI, DA, DOH, DENR, DOE JOINT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 13-1, S. 2013,
December 16, 2013]**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DTI, DA, DOH, DENR JOINT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1 SERIES OF 1993 (JAO 1, S.1993)
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND
REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581 (PRICE ACT)**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10623 amended certain provisions of Republic Act No. 7581 otherwise known as the "Price Act", expanding among others, the definition/coverage of the term "basic necessities" to now include potable water in bottles and containers, fresh fruits, locally manufactured instant noodles, household liquefied petroleum gas and kerosene, and of the term "prime commodities" to now include livestock and fishery feeds, while excluding fresh fruits, noodles, swine and cattle feeds from its list;

WHEREAS, RA No. 10623 now includes the Department of Energy (DOE) as a member of the Price Coordinating Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 7 of RA 10623 mandating the Department of Trade and Industry to promulgate necessary rules, regulations, and procedures of the Act and to review the existing implementing rules and regulations of RA 7581 and revise its provisions as may be appropriate, the following Order is hereby prescribed for the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned:

Section 1. Section 1 (2) Rule 1 of JAO 1, s.1993 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Definition - as used herein, the following terms and phrases shall have the meaning herein provided:

x x x

2. *"Implementing Agency"* means the department, agency, or office of the Government which has jurisdiction over a basic necessity or prime commodity as defined in these Rules and Regulations, which shall be:

x x x

- (e) ***The Department of Energy, with reference to household liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and kerosene."***

Section 2. Section 1(4) Rule 1 of JAO 1, s.1993 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Definition - as used herein, the following terms and phrases shall have the meaning herein provided:

X X X

4. **"Basic Necessities" are goods vital to the needs of consumers for their sustenance and existence in times of any of the cases provided under section 6 or 7 of this Act such as, but not limited to** rice, corn, **root crops**, bread; fresh, dried or canned fish and other marine products; fresh pork, beef and poultry meat; fresh eggs; **potable water in bottles and containers**; fresh and processed milk; fresh vegetables and **fruits; locally manufactured instant noodles**; coffee; sugar; cooking oil; salt; laundry soap and detergents; firewood; charcoal; **household liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and kerosene; candles; drugs and medicines that are included in the current edition of the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) Essential Drugs List (EDL) and such other goods as may be included under section 4 of the Price Act."**

Section 3. Section 1 (5) Rule 1 of JAO 1, s.1993 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Definition - as used herein, the following terms and phrases shall have the meaning herein provided:

X X X

5. **"Prime Commodities" are goods not considered as basic necessities but are essential to consumers in times of any of the cases provided under Section 7 of this act such as, but not limited to** flour; dried, processed or canned pork, beef and poultry meat; dairy products not falling under basic necessities; onions, garlic, **vinegar, patis, soy sauce; toilet soap; fertilizer, pesticides** and herbicides; poultry, livestock and fishery feeds and veterinary products; paper; school supplies; nipa shingles; **sawali; cement; clinker; gi sheets; hollow blocks; plywood**; plyboard; construction nails; batteries; electrical supplies; light bulbs; steel wire; **all other drugs and medicines that are not included in the current edition of the Philippines National Drug Formulary (PNDF) Essential Drug List (EDL) and such other goods as may be included under section 4 of the Price Act."**

Section 4. Section 1 Rule II of JAO 1, s. 1993 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The implementing agencies enumerated in Rule 1 Sec. 1 par. (3) thereof shall have jurisdiction over commodities enumerated hereunder:

1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

(A) Basic Necessities

1) rice

- 2) corn
- 3) root crops
- 4) fresh, dried fish and other marine products
- 5) fresh pork, beef and poultry meat
- 6) fresh eggs
- 7) fresh milk
- 8) fresh vegetables
- 9) fresh fruits**
- 10) sugar
- 11) cooking oil

(B) Prime Commodities

- 1) dried pork
- 2) dried beef and poultry meat
- 3) fresh dairy products not falling under basic necessities
- 4) onions, garlic
- 5) fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides
- 6) poultry, livestock and fishery feeds

2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(A) Basic Necessities

- 1) drugs and medicines that are included in the current edition of the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) Essential Drugs List (EDL)**

(B) Prime Commodities

- 1) all other drugs and medicines that are not included in the current edition of the Philippines National Drug Formulary (PNDF) Essential Drug List (EDL)**

3. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

(A) Basic Necessities

- 1) firewood
- 2) charcoal

(B) Prime Commodities

- 1) nipa shingles
- 2) sawali
- 3) plywood
- 4) plyboard

4. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY

(A) Basic Necessities

- 1) bread
- 2) canned fish and other marine products
- 3) potable water in bottles and containers**

- 4) processed milk
- 5) *locally manufactured instant noodles***
- 6) coffee
- 7) salt
- 8) laundry soap
- 9) detergent
- 10) candles

(B) Prime Commodities

- 1) flour
- 2) processed and canned pork
- 3) processed and canned beef and poultry meat
- 4) vinegar, patis, soy sauce
- 5) toilet soap
- 6) paper, school supplies
- 7) cement, clinker, G.I. sheets
- 8) hollow blocks
- 9) construction nails
- 10) batteries, electrical supplies, light bulbs
- 11) steel wires

5. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

(A) Basic Necessities

- 1) *household liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)***
- 2) *kerosene***

Section 5. Section 2 Rule II of JAO 1, s. 1993 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. *Inclusion* or Exclusion from the Coverage of this Act. - Upon petition of the concerned ***parties or motu proprio action from the concerned agency of the price coordinating council*** and after public hearing, the implementing agency, with the approval of the President, ***may include in the definition of basic necessities or prime commodities types and brands of the goods or*** may exclude from the coverage of this Act, types or brands of the goods included in the definition of basic necessities and prime commodities, which may be deemed as nonessential goods or luxury goods: *Provided, That, any type or brand so excluded may be reinstated by the implementing agency during occasions of acute shortage in the supply of the basic necessity or prime commodity to which the excluded type or brand used to belong.*

The following procedure should be observed in the inclusion or exclusion of consumer product/s in the list of basic necessities or prime commodities:

- 1. Determination of what consumer product/s can be included or excluded in the list of basic necessities or prime commodities based on the petition of the concerned parties or motu proprio by the concerned agency of the Price Coordinating Council;***