

Government Notice No. 126 of 2025

**THE CONSUMER PROTECTION
(PRICE AND SUPPLIES CONTROL) ACT**

**Regulations made by the Minister under section 35 of the
Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Sale of Essential Goods During Emergency Period) Regulations 2025.

2. In these regulations –

“Act” means the Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act;

“emergency period” means the period commencing from the issuance of a state of emergency and ending 3 days after the lifting of such state of emergency;

“essential goods” means goods listed in the Schedule as essential for public consumption during an emergency period;

“Mauritius Meteorological Services” means the Mauritius Meteorological Services established under the Mauritius Meteorological Services Act 2019;

“retailer” –

(a) means any person or entity engaged in the sale of goods to consumers, whether in physical stores or online; and

(b) includes an importer, a wholesaler or a distributor;

“state of emergency” means a situation where –

(a) a cyclone warning is issued by the Mauritius Meteorological Services;

- (b) a state of disaster or emergency is declared under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act; or
- (c) state of environmental emergency is declared under the Environment Act 2024; or
- (d) any other crisis period is declared by the Government, affecting public access to essential goods.

3. (1) No retailer shall, during an emergency period –

- (a) hoard or refuse to sell essential goods;
- (b) hike, without justification, the prices of essential goods;
- (c) apply discriminatory pricing by imposing higher prices on essential goods;
- (d) contravene the Fair Trading Act.

(2) The Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette, determine the maximum price of any essential goods during an emergency period.

4. (1) Every retailer shall, during an emergency period, maintain and produce on demand to the Permanent Secretary or an authorised officer –

- (a) a daily certified record of the sale of essential goods;
- (b) the retail prices applied to such goods during the emergency period; and
- (c) the stock position at the beginning and end of each day.

(2) The records referred to in paragraph (1) shall be –

- (a) kept and maintained in such form as the Permanent Secretary may approve;

- (b) certified by a senior officer of the business or a licensed accountant; and
- (c) furnished within 3 days after the end of the emergency period.

5. (1) Any retailer who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than 50,000 rupees and not more than 100,000 rupees.

(2) Without prejudice to any penalty under paragraph (1), the Court may, in addition –

- (a) order the temporary suspension of the business licence of a retailer found guilty of repeated offences for a period not exceeding 12 months;
- (b) order the seizure of the hoarded goods for redistribution through public agencies at controlled prices.

6. These regulations shall come into operation on 5 December 2025.

Made by the Minister on 5 December 2025.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

ESSENTIAL GOODS

1. Adult diapers
2. Baby diapers
3. Biscuits
4. Bottled mineral water
5. Butter and Margarine
6. Candles and rechargeable lights
7. Canned fish (Pilchards, Mackerel, Sardines, Tuna)
8. Canned meat (Corned Beef, Corned Mutton, Luncheon Meat)
9. Canned tomatoes
10. Canned vegetables
11. Cooking gas
12. Dry cells and powerbanks
13. Dry noodles
14. Edible oil
15. Eggs
16. Flour
17. Frozen chicken sausages
18. Frozen packed vegetables
19. Imported fruits
20. Laundry soap
21. Infant food/Infant preparation

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22. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in cylinder of 5,6 and 12 kgs net
 23. Medecines (Antalgic and Antipyretics)
 24. Milk powder/Infant milk powder
 25. Pasta (Macaroni and Spaghetti)
 26. Processes block cheese
 27. Pulses
 28. Ration rice, long grain rice and Basmati rice
 29. Salted and dried fish (Bomblas and dried shrimps)
 30. Sanitary pads
 31. Sugar
 32. Table salt
 33. Tea
 34. Washing powder
 35. Washing liquid
 36. Wheat cereals
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