



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
City of Tagbilaran



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20
Series of 2020

REITERATING THE PRICE CEILINGS, SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE AND PRICE FREEZE OF BASIC COMMODITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND CREATING A PROVINCIAL PRICE MONITORING JOINT TASK FORCE TO ENFORCE THIS ORDER AS A MEASURE INSTITUTED TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING THREAT OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, President RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE issued Memorandum Circular No. 77, DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, OFFICES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, AS WELL AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, TO IMPLEMENT AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ISSUANCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ON THE PRICES OF ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY MEDICINES AND SUPPLIES, AND SELECTED AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY COMMODITIES;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic outbreak that threatens the right of the people to a safe and healthy environment;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health had confirmed the local transmission of the novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, President RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, through Proclamation No. 922, declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, President RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, through Proclamation No. 929, declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the entire Province of Bohol is currently under extended community quarantine by virtue of Executive Order No. 14, which I issued on March 18, 2020, in order to address the ongoing threat of COVID-19 in the Island Province of Bohol;

WHEREAS, in consonance with R.A. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act, in relation to the R.A. 10623, which provides protection to consumers by stabilizing the prices of basic necessities and prime commodities and recommending measures against undue price increases during emergency situations and like occasions;

WHEREAS, to implement the purpose and objective of R.A. 7581, in the Province of Bohol, there was hereby reorganized a PROVINCIAL PRICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (PPCC) through Executive Order No. 29 Series of 2019;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 29 Series of 2019 was amended through Executive Order No. ____ Series of 2020 – EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROVINCIAL PRICE COORDINATING COUNCIL;

WHEREAS, the PROVINCIAL PRICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (PPCC) is chaired by the Provincial Governor, co-chaired by the Department of Trade and Industry, and constituted by representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Philippine Coconut Authority, Food and Drug Administration, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, Office of the Provincial Veterinarian, Provincial Health Office, Bohol Investment Promotion Center and private sector representatives from the agriculture, retail, trading, manufacturing and consumers sectors;

WHEREAS, the Council, pursuant to Section 2 of its Executive Order, may determine and recommend suggested retail prices and price ceilings of basic and prime commodities to the implementing agency concerned in their respective areas;

WHEREAS, the Council convened last March 13, 2020 and March 20, 2020 which agreed to set price freeze and price ceiling recommendations for basic commodities in the Province of Bohol amidst the threat of COVID-19 in order to protect inhabitants of the province from possible price gouging of such commodities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP, Governor of the Province of Bohol and Chairman of the Council, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Price Ceilings and Price Freeze of Basic and Prime Commodities.

– That there is hereby implemented a province-wide set of price ceilings, suggested retail price and price freeze of basic and prime commodities as enumerated under R.A. 10623, which shall apply to all wholesalers, stores, retailers, online sellers and individuals in the province as specifically listed in the Annexes, the latest Circulars and Orders issued by concerned government agencies on suggested retail prices and price ceilings of basic and prime commodities under the jurisdiction of their respective agencies and the prohibition of selling said commodities beyond the suggested retail price and price ceiling/range in accordance with relevant laws and regulations:

- Annex A. Department of Agriculture;
- Annex B. Department of Health;
- Annex C. Department of Trade and Industry;
- Annex D. Food and Drug Administration;

Section 1.A. Pursuant to R.A. 7581 otherwise known as the Price Act, the Department of Energy automatically imposes a price freeze for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and kerosene for fifteen (15) days starting March 17 – March 31, 2020 following Presidential Proclamation No. 929 - DECLARING A STATE OF CALAMITY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019;

Section 1.B. Violators of suggested retail prices and price ceilings may be reported through the following hotlines:

- i. Provincial Government of Bohol
 1. Office of the Provincial Agriculturist - (038) 411-0138 (Local: 43140)
 2. Provincial Health Office - (038) 411-0138 (Local: 41007)
 3. Office of the Provincial Veterinarian - (038) 411-0138 (Local: 41122)
- ii. Department of Trade and Industry - Bohol - (038) 411-3302;
(038) 501-8260/ 501-8828
- iii. Department of Agriculture - APC - (038) 501-7538; 411-2436
- iv. Department of Health Bohol Office - (038) 501-0032
- v. Food and Drug Administration – Cebu - (032) 420-9859
- vi. Department of Energy - Cebu - (032) 253-7222

Section 2. Price Tag Law. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 71 also known as the Price Tag Law, 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;

Section 3. Provincial Price Monitoring Joint Task Force. – That there is hereby created a Provincial Price Monitoring Joint Task Force composed of provincial and national government agencies that shall implement and enforce all provisions of this executive order;

Section 4. Mandate and Duties. – The task force shall regularly monitor and review prices of basic commodities throughout the province under the jurisdiction of the respective undermentioned agencies;

Section 5. Composition. – The task force shall comprise of the following agencies:

- a. Office of the Provincial Agriculturist;
- b. Office of the Provincial Veterinarian
- c. Provincial Health Office;
- d. Department of Agriculture;
- e. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
- f. Department of Trade and Industry;
- g. Food and Drug Administration;
- h. Department of Energy;
- i. Philippine National Police;
- j. National Bureau of Investigation.

Section 6. Penalties. – Any person or entity found violating this EO shall be subject to appropriate action, both criminal and administrative, pursuant to RA No. 7581, as amended and other relevant laws.

Section 7. Separability Clause. – Any provision of this Executive Order declared illegal shall not nullify the other provisions, which are not hereby affected, thereby remain in force and effect.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately after signing unless sooner lifted.

Done this 25th day of March of 2020 in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
GOVERNOR 