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**PRICE REGULATION FOR RESALE OF RICE**

Considering the report of the National Logistic Center on the situation of Food Security in Timor-Leste;

Bearing in mind that the current situation may lead to a situation of insufficiency in the supply of this fundamental food good and considering its price level, it becomes a priority for the Government to carry out an intervention in the market in order to regulate the price of rice;

Considering that Government intervention in the market, in order to regulate the price of rice, is essential in order to set prices adjusted to the socio-economic reality of Timor-Leste, this intervention should also reestablish the balance in the market, between domestic production and exports, as well as reinforcing the competitive nature of the sector.

Recognizing that government intervention is of paramount importance for end consumers, as a means to guarantee an adjustment of prices to the purchasing power of the population at national level, as well as to level the price difference between the markets of Dili and the Municipalities according to territorial distances;

Thus, as Minister of Commerce, Industry and Environment, and in the use of the powers assigned to me by the Organic Law of the VI Constitutional Government, as provided for in Decree-Law No. 6/2015 of 11 March 2015, I determine and have it published the following diploma:

1. The purchase price of rice by companies from the MCIA<sup>1</sup> to be resold in municipal markets, is calculated according to the distance for each municipality according to the following table:

2. Aileu .....	\$ 8.00 / 25Kg
3. Ainaro .....	\$ 7.00 / 25Kg
4. Baucau .....	\$ 8.00 / 25Kg
5. Bobonaro .....	\$ 7.00 / 25Kg
6. Covalima .....	\$ 6.00 / 25Kg
7. Dili (Metinaro & Atauro) .....	\$ 9.00 / 25Kg
8. Ermera .....	\$ 8.00 / 25Kg
9. Lautém .....	\$ 7.00 / 25Kg
10. Liquiçá .....	\$ 8.00 / 25Kg
11. Manatuto .....	\$ 8.00 / 25Kg
12. Manufahi .....	\$ 7.00 / 25Kg
13. Viqueque .....	\$ 7.00 / 25Kg

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<sup>1</sup> MCIA – Ministry of Commerce, Industry and the Environment

2. The sale price of rice to the consuming public throughout the territory of Timor-Leste, except for the Oecussi Ambeno Special Region and Administrative Posts within the Capital Dili, is US \$11.00 per bag of 25 kg.

3. This legal diploma enters into force on the day following the date of its publication.

Be it published.

The Minister of Finance,

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**Santina Cardoso**

The Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment,

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**Dr. Constâncio da Conceição Pinto**