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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 (Control of Price of Petroleum Products) Regulations 2011.

2. In these regulations –

“calculated price” –

(a) means the price calculated for a petroleum product in accordance with regulation 3(2), without taking into account any adjustment to be made; but [222/15]

(b) does not include a new calculated price;

“CIF” or “cost, insurance and freight”, in relation to a petroleum product, means the total sum of –

(a) the reference price of the petroleum product;

(b) the premium paid to the supplier;

(c) freight; and

(d) insurance;

“Committee” means the Petroleum Pricing Committee referred to in regulation 7;

“Corporation” has the same meaning as in the State Trading Corporation Act;

“member” means a member of the Committee;

“petroleum product” means –

- (a) Mogas (Motor Gasoline); or
- (b) Gas Oil sold on the local market (Diesel);

“Platts price” means the benchmark price of oil determined by Platts, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies (NYSE-MHP), which is a global information provider for oil and metal;

“PSA” means the Price Stabilisation Account set up under regulation 4;

“reference price” means an average of the Platts prices for the 3 months prior, and 3 months subsequent, to a computation made under regulation 3. [222/15]

“supplier” means any company which supplies petroleum products to the Corporation.

3. (1) The Corporation shall, as and when necessary or on the recommendation of the Committee, compute the retail price of a petroleum product per litre in accordance with the price structure set out in the Schedule.

(2) Subject to regulation 5, the Corporation shall, in computing the retail price of a petroleum product, take into account –

- (a) the CIF;
- (b) the excise duty specified in Part I of the First Schedule to the Excise Act;
- (c) the Maurice Ile Durable levy chargeable under the Excise Act;
- (d) any contribution made to the Road Development Authority;
- (e) any contribution made to subsidise the transportation and storage of petroleum products in Rodrigues;
- (f) – Revoked [135/17]
- (g) any contribution made to subsidise liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), rice and flour;
- (ga) any contribution made to the construction of storage facilities for petroleum products; [222/15]
- (gb) the contribution made to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund;[72/20](Revoked)(160/22)

- (gc) any contribution to finance the cost of COVID-19 vaccines; [144/21] (Revoked)(160/22)
- (h) the operational expenses incurred by the Corporation;
- (i) any adjustment to be made, where necessary;
- (j) the funds available in the PSA, where necessary; Revoked [240/17]
the funds, if any, available in the PSA; [240/17]
- (k) any expense incurred in connection with the operation and marketing of petroleum products by entities responsible for the storage and distribution of petroleum products, and any wholesale margin;
- (l) any value added tax payable; and
- (m) any retail margin allowed.

(2A) Where the reference price is lower than the last month average Platts price, the Corporation shall, in determining the retail price of a petroleum product, use the last month Platts price. [222/15]

(3) The retail price of a petroleum product computed under paragraph (2) shall be rounded to the nearest higher multiple of 5 cents.

4. The Corporation shall set up, for the purpose of stabilising the retail price of a petroleum product, a Price Stabilisation Account –

- (a) into which any surplus in respect of every consignment of a petroleum product and any windfall gain arising out of an increase in the retail price shall be credited;
- (b) out of which any deficit in respect of every consignment of a petroleum product and any windfall loss arising out of a decrease in the retail price shall be debited; and
- (c) into which the Corporation shall credit such sum as the Minister may approve. (75/23)

5. (1) The retail price of a petroleum product shall be maintained where its calculated price is –

- (a) lower, by less than 4 per cent, than the existing retail price, by adjusting the calculated price; [308/13]
- (b) higher, by less than 4 per cent, than the existing retail

price – [308/13]

- (i) by using the funds in the PSA;
 - (ii) by adjusting the calculated price, where the funds used are insufficient; or
 - (iii) by adjusting the calculated price, where there are no funds;
- (c) higher, by 4 per cent or more but not more than 10 per cent, than the existing retail price – [308/13]
- (i) by using the funds in the PSA, which results in the new calculated price being higher than the existing retail price by not more than 4 per cent; and [308/13]
 - (ii) by adjusting the new calculated price; or
- (d) higher, by more than 10 per cent, than the existing retail price – [308/13]
- (i) by using the funds in the PSA, which results in the new calculated price being higher than the existing retail price by not more than 4 per cent; and [308/13]
 - (ii) by adjusting the new calculated price.
- (2) The retail price of a petroleum product shall be decreased – (deleted) (2/2023)

Subject that there are funds in the PSA, the retail price of a petroleum product shall be decreased – (2/2023)

- (a) where its calculated price is lower, by 4 per cent or more but not more than 10 per cent, than the existing retail price; or [308/13]
- (b) by a maximum of 10 per cent where its calculated price is lower, by more than 10 per cent, than the existing retail price, by adjusting the calculated price.

(2A) (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) and subject to subparagraph (d), the retail price of a petroleum product shall be decreased in accordance with this paragraph where the funds in the PSA –

(i) in relation to Mogas (Motor Gasoline), exceeds 600 million rupees; or

(ii) in relation to Gas Oil (Diesel), exceeds 900 million rupees,

by using funds from the PSA.

(b) The Corporation shall, pursuant to subparagraph (a), compute the amount, per litre, of a petroleum product under the item "Fund from Price Stabilisation Account", based on an estimated sales volume of up to 6 months.

(c) The retail price of a petroleum product shall be decreased –

(i) where its calculated price is lower, by 4 per cent or more but not more than 10 per cent, than the existing retail price; or

(ii) by a maximum of 10 per cent where its calculated price is lower, by more than 10 per cent, than the existing retail price, by adjusting the calculated price.

(d) The retail price of a petroleum product shall not be decreased in accordance with this paragraph where its Platts price exceeds its reference price. [222/15] Revoked (75/23)

(2B) (a) Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (2A), where excise duty is, on 11 June 2019, decreased, the retail price of a petroleum product per litre, as at 10 June 2019, shall be decreased by 3 rupees. [101/19]

(b) Where the retail price of a petroleum product is decreased pursuant to subparagraph (a), any adjustment in the price structure set out in the Schedule shall be made by using funds from the Price Stabilisation Account. [101/19] Revoked (75/23)

(3) The retail price of a petroleum product shall be increased –

(a) where its calculated price is higher, by 4 per cent or more but not more than 10 per cent, than the existing retail price – [308/13]

(i) where, in the case of each petroleum product, the funds in the PSA are less than 100 million rupees; or [26/17] – Revoked [240/17]

(i) where there are no funds in the PSA; or [240/17]

(ii) where the funds in the PSA are used but the new calculated price is 4 per cent more than the existing retail price; or [308/13]

(b) where its calculated price is higher, by more than 10 per cent, than the existing retail price – [308/13]

- (i) where the funds in the PSA are used but the new calculated price is 4 per cent more than the existing retail price; or [308/13]
- (ii) by a maximum of 10 per cent – [308/13]

(A) where, in the case of each petroleum product, the funds in the PSA are less than 100 million rupees, by adjusting the calculated price; or [26/17] – Revoked [240/17]

(A) where there are no funds in the PSA, by adjusting the calculated price; or [240/17]

(B) where the funds in the PSA are used but the new calculated price is 10 per cent more than the existing retail price, by adjusting the new calculated price. [308/13]

(c) by 4 to 10 per cent –

(i) where, in the case of each petroleum product, the funds in the PSA are less than 100 million rupees; and

(ii) the calculated price is not more than 4 per cent of the retail price, by adjusting the calculated price. [26/17] – All paragraph (c) Revoked [240/17]

(3A) (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), where an additional contribution of 2 rupees to finance the cost of COVID-19 vaccines is introduced in the price structure of a petroleum product, the retail price of that petroleum product shall, as from 1 July 2021, be increased by 2.30 rupees. [144/21]

(b) Where the retail price of a petroleum product is increased pursuant to subparagraph (a), any adjustment in the price structure of the petroleum product shall be made by using funds from the Price Stabilisation Account. [144/21]

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(a), the retail price of a petroleum product shall be decreased where the contribution made for hedging purposes is decreased. [49/11]

(5) Where, pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3), the retail price of a petroleum product is not decreased or increased, as the case may be, the retail price of the petroleum product shall be maintained. (2/2023)

6. (1) The Corporation shall, after making a computation under regulation 3(1), submit to the Committee for its approval a recommendation to maintain, increase or decrease the retail price of a petroleum product.

(2) Where the recommendation submitted under paragraph (1) is approved

by the Committee, the Corporation shall forthwith –

- (a) inform the entities responsible for the storage and distribution of petroleum products of the retail price;
- (b) affix the retail price at the seat of the Corporation; and
- (c) cause the retail price to be published in at least 2 daily newspapers.

7. (1) There shall be, for the purposes of these regulations, a Petroleum Pricing Committee.

(2) The Committee shall consist of –

- (a) a representative of the Ministry;
- (b) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- (c) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of energy;
- (d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of commerce;
- (e) the Director of Central Statistics Office; and
- (f) not more than 3 other members, to be appointed by the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of commerce is assigned.

(3) The Minister, to whom responsibility for the subject of commerce is assigned, shall appoint a Chairperson among the members.

(4) (a) The Committee shall meet as often as necessary but at least once every 4 months.

(b) A meeting of the Committee shall be held at such time and place as the Chairperson thinks fit.

(5) Where the Chairperson is absent from a meeting of the Committee, the members present shall elect one of them to chair the meeting.

(6) Five members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.

(7) The Committee shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it may determine.

(8) The members shall be paid such fees or allowances as the Minister, to whom responsibility for the subject of commerce is assigned, may determine.

- 8.** (1) The Committee –
- (a) shall verify the correctness of any computation of the retail price of a petroleum product made by the Corporation;
 - (b) may, after making a verification under paragraph (a), approve or disapprove that the retail price of a petroleum product be maintained, increased or decreased;
 - (c) may require the Corporation to review any computation of the retail price of a petroleum product;
 - (d) shall, where it approves an increase or a decrease in the retail price of a petroleum product, recommend to the Minister the fixing of the new retail price of that petroleum product;
 - (e) monitor the global evolution of prices of petroleum products and, where necessary, recommend to the Corporation the review of the retail price of a petroleum product; and
 - (f) advise the Minister, to whom responsibility for the subject of commerce is assigned, on matters relating to petroleum products.

(2) The Committee may require the Corporation to furnish any information or document used in the computation of the retail price of a petroleum product and the Corporation shall supply such information or document.

8A. (1) Notwithstanding these regulations, the Minister may approve or disapprove a recommendation of the Committee. [248/22]

(2) Where, pursuant to paragraph (1), the Minister disapproves a recommendation of the Committee, the current retail price of a petroleum product shall be maintained. [248/22]

9. The Consumer Protection (Control of Price of Petroleum Products) Regulations 2004 are revoked.

10. For the purpose of computing the retail price of a petroleum product for the first time under these regulations, the Corporation shall compute the retail price in accordance with regulation 3(2), without taking into account any adjustment to be made and the funds available in the PSA.

11. These regulations shall come into operation on 11 January 2011.

SCHEDULE
[Regulation 3(1)]

PRICE STRUCTURE

| | Mogas | Gas Oil |
|--|-------------------------|---------|
| Reference price (Platts) - US\$ per metric ton | xxxx | - |
| Reference price (Platts) - US\$ per barrel | - | xxxx |
| CIF - US\$/litre | xxxx | xxxx |
| Exchange rate – Rs/ US\$ | xxxx | xxxx |
| | Rupees per litre | |
| CIF | xxxx | xxxx |
| Excise duty | xxxx | xxxx |
| Maurice Ile Durable levy (Removed-see note below) (Deleted)Am (75/23) | xxxx | xxxx |
| Contribution to Road Development Authority | xxxx | xxxx |
| Contribution to Rodrigues transportation and storage | xxxx | xxxx |
| Contribution to the Build Mauritius Fund [308/13] Deleted [135/17] | xxxx | xxxx |
| Contribution to the construction of storage facilities for petroleum products [222/15] | xxxx | xxxx |
| Contribution to subsidy on LPG, flour and rice [160/22] | xxxx | xxxx |
| Contribution to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund [72/2020] Deleted [160/22] | xxxx | xxxx |
| Contribution to finance the cost of COVID-19 vaccines [144/21] Deleted [160/22] | xxxx | xxxx |
| STC's operational expenses | xxxx | xxxx |
| Adjustment | | |
| Fund from/to Price Stabilisation Account [240/17] | xxxx | xxxx |
| Rounding of figures | xxxx | xxxx |
| TRANSFER PRICE TO OIL COMPANIES | xxxx | xxxx |
| Oil companies' operational expenses and wholesale margin | xxxx | xxxx |
| VAT (15%) | xxxx | xxxx |
| WHOLESALE PRICE | xxxx | xxxx |
| Retail margin | xxxx | xxxx |
| RETAIL PRICE*(Price at petrol service station) [26/17] | xxxx | xxxx |

*Retail prices of Mogas and Gas Oil shall be rounded to the nearest higher multiple of 5 cents

Note: The rate is zero as per GN No. 78 of 2018.