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National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016

National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020

Order No. 2/2022

SL No. 8 of 2022

[Regulation 31]

PROHIBITION OF HOARDING AND PRICE INFLATION

PURSUANT to the powers vested in me under Regulation 31, **I, Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, MP**, Minister for National Emergency Services, do hereby issue this **ORDER** for the purpose of minimising the impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) commencing from the date of publication of this Order until the Order is revoked:

1. A trader who, whether owner or otherwise, has in his or her possession or control any goods for sale or resale to another person shall:
 - (a) not inflate or increase the existing wholesale or retail price of any goods that are generally accepted as being necessary or essential for the everyday living of members of the community including staple food and household commodities;
 - (b) not inflate or increase the price of any existing wholesale or retail services as being necessary or essential for everyday living of members of the community;
 - (c) not hoard or withhold the selling or making available of the sale of any goods or services in paragraphs (a) and (b) for whatever purpose;
 - (d) make available the goods and services in paragraphs (a) and (b) to consumers until the trader's supplies of those goods and services are exhausted; and
 - (e) ensure that goods and services in paragraphs (a) and (b) for retail purposes are made available in reasonable quantities for domestic consumption or use.
2. For the purposes of this Order '*existing wholesale or retail price*' means the price of goods and services which they were being sold on or immediately before the date of publication of this Order.
3. A trader who does not comply with this Order commits a strict liability offence under Regulation 30 of the *National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020* and upon conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months.

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4. Where a trader or person who contravenes this Order and he or she has a business visa, such person will:
- (a) have his or her visa cancelled under the *Immigration Act 2014*; and
 - (b) be deported from the Republic.

Dated this 24th day of June 2022.

HON. LIONEL ROUWEN AINGIMEA, M.P.
MINISTER FOR NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES
