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Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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Notification

To: Industry and Commerce Division of Provinces and Vientiane Capital in Lao PDR.

Subject: Face masks price

- Pursuant to the Notification No.0328/MOIC.DIT, dated 26 March 2020 on the determination of the selling price of each type of mask

Currently, the number of people who have been infected Covid-19 in many countries around the world is increasing, making the demand for masks as a whole is still very high, especially in Lao PDR. Therefore, the Lao Government has an announcement in controlling the face masks as a control product, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, as the Central Steering Committee has been triple announcements the face masks' prices and fees to the Provincial and Vientiane Capital Steering Committee in order to uniform the price of each type of face mask in order to settle the most appropriate price.

Minister of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce has an announcement:

1. The Industry and Commerce Division of provinces and Vientiane Capital shall consult with importers who is, medical equipment suppliers and Pharmaceutical Companies at the provincial levels and the capital, and willing to pay costs, must register for importing face masks with the Industry and Commerce Division. This is means that the importers must declare the purpose of import face masks and be inspected the quality by Public Health Division at provinces level and Vientiane Capital for receiving certify standards.
2. The determination in selling price of each face mask's type that is in accordance with the Notification No. 0347/MOIC.DIT, dated 31 March 2020, which allows to add the wholesale profit 10% of the import cost and if it is sent to the retailer, add 10% profit on the wholesale price.
3. The Industry and Commerce Division of provinces and Vientiane Capital must seek further guidance from the Steering Board of Management Price (SBMP) in provinces and Vientiane Capital in order to determine the price and distribution methods and

channels for ensuring that the practice is under control and follow the rules. Additionally, in preventing and avoiding crowded and buying a massive amount of face masks then hoarding and sold out for an expensive price than the definition in the notification. After making a decision then it should be reported to the Provincial/Vientiane Capital Governors who is the Head of SBMP for approval and implementation.

4. The Industry and Commerce Division of provinces and Vientiane Capital must regularly monitor the price if there is a case of miss leading of implementation by the distributors. The wrong scenario must be reported to the Head of SBMP in order to seek a decision by following relevant laws and regulations.

Therefore, we would like to inform you for your further implementation.

Minister

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