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COST OF LIVING (ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS 2022

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	SCHEDULE
	ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

The Minister responsible for consumer affairs, in exercise of the power conferred by section 10E of the Cost of Living Commission Act 1974 and after consulting the Cost of Living Commission, makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1 These Regulations may be cited as the Cost of Living (Essential Commodities) Regulations 2022.

Interpretation

2 In these Regulations—

“Act” means the Cost of Living Commission Act 1974;

“essential commodities” means the essential commodities referred to in regulation 3 and listed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

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List of essential commodities

3 For the purposes of Part IIIA of the Act, the essential commodities are the essential commodities listed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Business undertakings to furnish information

4 (1) Pursuant to sections 6 and 10B of the Act, the Commission may, by notice in writing, require a business undertaking that sells or otherwise deals in any essential commodity listed in the Schedule to these Regulations to furnish the Commission with information, as provided in paragraph (2), in relation to such essential commodity as the Commission shall direct.

(2) The information to be furnished to the Commission shall be information pertaining to—

- (a) the place or places an essential commodity is sourced from, including the name and address of any other business undertaking which supplied the essential commodity to the business undertaking that is furnishing the Commission with information;
- (b) the cost of the essential commodity from each place it is sourced from;
- (c) all other costs associated with stocking the essential commodity;
- (d) the quantities of the essential commodity purchased for the business undertaking on a monthly basis or at such other period as is applicable for the business undertaking in the 12 months prior to the date the information is provided by the business undertaking to the Commission;
- (e) the price at which the essential commodity has been sold to customers in Bermuda in the 12 months prior to the date the information is provided by the business undertaking to the Commission;
- (f) the time frame expected to apply to the current price of the essential commodity;
- (g) such other information relating to an essential commodity as the Commission may require in the notice sent to the business undertaking.

Time frame for furnishing information to Commission

5 (1) The information requested by the Commission under regulation 4 shall be furnished to the Commission no later than five business days after the date of receipt by the business undertaking of the notice requesting the information.

(2) A business undertaking unable to furnish to the Commission the information required within the time frame stated in paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) state in writing the reasons for its inability to furnish the information within the time required; and
- (b) request additional time, which shall not exceed five business days, to furnish to the Commission the information required.

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Formatting style for furnishing of information

6 (1) The Commission may, in the notice requiring information under regulation 4, specify the formatting style to be used for furnishing of the information.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), each business undertaking shall meet the costs of furnishing the information in the formatting style specified.

(3) A business undertaking that cannot provide the information in the formatting style specified may request assistance from the Commission concerning furnishing the information in the formatting style specified.

(4) A business undertaking requesting assistance from the Commission as provided under paragraph (3) shall—

- (a) make the request for assistance in writing; and
- (b) state in the request for assistance the reasons for its inability to furnish the information in the formatting style specified.

(5) Where the Commission is satisfied that the business undertaking seeking assistance has—

- (a) given adequate reasons for its inability to furnish the information as required; and
- (b) demonstrated that it employed all the means at its disposal to comply with the requirement to furnish the information,

the Commission may assist the business undertaking in furnishing the information in the formatting style specified.

Electronic mail for furnishing information

7 (1) The Commission may, in the notice requiring information under regulation 4, specify the electronic mail to be used for furnishing the information.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), each business undertaking shall meet the costs of furnishing the information using the electronic mail specified.

(3) A business undertaking referred to in regulation 6(3) may request assistance from the Commission concerning furnishing the information using the electronic mail specified.

Publishing of price information on essential commodities

8 The Commission shall publish information on the prices of essential commodities on a weekly basis in such manner as it may determine as appropriate for the purpose of notifying members of the public.

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SCHEDULE

(regulation 3)

ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

The essential commodities to which these Regulations apply are the following:

1	Eggs	
2	Milk	
3	Canned Milk	
4	Flour	
5	Butter	
6	Jam	
7	Peanut Butter	
8	Chicken	
9	Ground Turkey	
10	Ground Beef	
11	Tuna-Can	
12	Bread	
13	Rice	
14	Pasta	
15	Potatoes	
16	Carrots	
17	Green Beans (canned and fresh)	
18	Laundry Detergent	
19	Bath Soap	
20	Apples	
21	Oranges	
22	Bananas	
23	Hot cereals(Quaker Oats, cornmeal and Cream of Wheat)	
24	Corn Flakes	
25	Rice Krispies	
26	Dish Detergent	
27	Spaghetti Sauce	
28	Cheese	
29	Oil	
30	Salt	
31	Pepper	

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32	Napkins and Napkin Liners for Babies (Diapers)	
33	Sanitary Towels (Pads) and Tampons	

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Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Reform

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