MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIALIZATION, TRADE and ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS LIST
Introduction

In order to appropriately respond to the issues affecting the business sector during COVID-19 outbreak, the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Enterprise Development has formed a Business Emergency Response Centre (BERC). The Centre comprises of a 24 hour Business Emergency Response Committee and a technical Committee of analysts.

Essential Products

The Committee identified the manufacturers, producers and suppliers of the under listed as essential to sustenance of lives and efforts must be taken to keep them operational throughout the crisis period. Due to their significance, workers and providers of logistics to these sectors need protection and/or, special permits and transport in the event of a lockdown.

Food and beverages:

1. Cereals
2. Sugar
3. Wheat products (breads, confectioneries and breakfast cereals)
4. Sugar Confectionaries
5. Dairy products
6. Processed foods
7. Meat and meat products
8. Fish
9. Edible oils
10. Salt and cooking spices
11. Fruits, vegetables and nuts
12. Water
13. Juices and non and/or carbonated drinks/diluting drinks
14. Tea, coffee, tobacco etc.
15. Alcohol beverages

Other products
1. Essential Textiles and Apparels – eg. face masks, medical uniforms;
2. Medical equipment and essential supplies; e.g oxygen
3. Pharmaceuticals and Medicaments;
4. Essential Footwear – eg. Gumboots used in medical facilities, shoe covers etc
5. Animal health medicaments;
6. Soap, detergents and washing materials
7. Hygiene and personal care products; eg. Toiles tissues, serviettes, sanitary pads, diapers etc
8. Agrochemicals and pest control products; eg. mosquito nets, farm inputs, insecticides etc
9. Animal feeds
10. Petroleum fuels;
11. Cooking fuels, including wood fuels and matches
12. Motor vehicle parts
13. Motor cycle and parts
14. Essential Plastic and rubber – eg. packaging such as bags, water bottles, plastic tanks, cling film, goggles, face shields, gloves, disposable gowns/overall, etc
15. Essential Paper products eg. Packaging- industrial packaging bags Paper bags), Sacks Convertors, Labelling, Paper converters, Printers and Allied- Stationery, Pulp/Paper manufacturers (raw materials for paper products), Toilet Tissue,
Tissue disposable medical bed spread, Serviettes, Aluminum Foil,
16. Packaging materials manufacturers (e.g. labels, containers, cartons etc.) for manufacturers of Essential Products.
17. Timber & Furniture - Clinical furniture, beds, fit outs, coffins - To the extent that they are providing support in the COVID 19 response for the urgent requirement of hospital, laboratory or clinical furniture, beds, fit outs required to set up temporary facilities or to convert existing facilities for medical support
18. Glass products and labels – eg. packaging such as bags, aluminum foils etc
19. Fresh flowers
20. Mattresses
21. Soda Ash
22. Fertilizers
23. Supply Chain for critical products and industries: supply chain companies supplying essential services for manufacturers e.g. service and calibration of manufacturing equipment

Support distributive networks for essential products/services
1. Supermarkets;
2. Provision/convenience retail stores;
3. Chemists/Pharmacists/crop or animal laboratories
4. Open/Built wholesale and retail markets for food, fruit and vegetables;
5. Essential food Outlets;
6. Butcheries;
7. Slaughter houses/abattoirs;
8. Open/Built wholesale and retail markets for cereals;
9. Gas distributors, petrol stations;
10. Sellers of wood fuels.
11. Sanitary and waste management  
12. Motor vehicle and motor cycle parts shops/distributors  
13. Transporters of essential products  

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**Essential manufacturers**

1. Milling industries for grains and sugar  
2. Edible oils manufacturers  
3. Salt manufacturers  
4. Meat and meat products' processors  
5. Sundry food processors  
6. Slaughter houses/abattoirs  
7. Dairy processors  
8. Manufacturers of soap, detergents and other personal care and hygiene products  
9. Pharmaceutical manufacturers/industries  
10. Water bottlers  
11. Fuel dealers  
12. Manufacturers of packaging materials for the essential goods manufacturers  
13. Motor vehicle assemblers/service shops  
14. Essential Textile, Apparel and footwear  
15. Local manufacturing Exporters