



**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. Dairy products
5. Processed foods
6. Meat and meat products
7. Fish
8. Edible oils
9. Salt and cooking spices
10. Fruits, vegetables and nuts
11. Water

12. Juices and non-carbonated drinks/diluting drinks
13. Tea, coffee, tobacco etc.

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. 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

- 17. Glass products and labels – eg. packaging such as bags, aluminum foils etc
- 18. Labels eg. for industrial packaging
- 19. Fresh flowers

Support distributive networks for essential products/services

- 1. Supermarkets;
- 2. Provision/convenience retail stores;
- 3. Chemists/Pharmacists;
- 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 collection services
- 12. Motor vehicle and motor cycle parts shops/distributors
- 13. Transporters of essential products

	Essential Products	Distribution networks
1	Cereals and pulses	Supermarkets, Provision/convenience retail stores, open/built wholesale and retail markets for cereals
2	Fruits, vegetables, nuts ; fresh cut flowers	Open/Built wholesale and retail markets for food, fruit and vegetables and airport for fresh cut flowers
3	Sugar, salt and other spices for cooking	Supermarket operators Provision/convenient

		retail stores
4	Dairy Products	Supermarket operators Provision/convenience retail stores
5	Poultry, Meat and meat products	Supermarket operators Provision/convenient retail stores
6	Fish and fish products	Supermarket operators Provision/convenient retail stores
7	Edible oils	Supermarket operators Provision/convenient retail stores
8	Soap and detergents	Supermarket operators Provision/convenient retail stores
9	Pharmaceuticals	Chemists/Pharmacy outlets.
10	Fuel	Gas distributors, petrol stations
11	Motor vehicle, motor cycle and parts/repair	Parts shops/dealers
12	Textile and apparels	Retail and wholesale stores, supermarkets stores, supermarkets, Rivatex, EPZ
13	Agrochemical	Retail and wholesale agro vet stores, supermarkets, Agrochemicals Ltd

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 food and beverages service sector
13. Motor vehicle assemblers/service shops
14. Essential Textile, Apparel and footwear
15. Local manufacturing Exporters