

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 20 - 10

SUPPLEMENTAL ANTI-HOARDING AND ANTI-PANIC BUYING DIRECTIVE

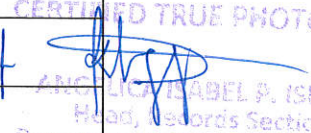
WHEREAS, on 19 March 2020, the Department of Trade and Industry through the undersigned, issued Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 20-07 directing retailers and consumers to limit the quantity of certain essential and vital goods that they sell and purchase, respectively, as an emergency measure to strictly ensure the availability of such products at reasonable prices for the duration of the declared Public Health Emergency.

WHEREAS, the DTI has been receiving reports that products classified as such but not included in the said Circular are being sold at and purchased from point of retail in such quantity that is considerably more than what is normally needed for a period of one week or two.

WHEREFORE, foregoing considered, this Supplemental Memorandum Circular is hereby issued for the information and guidance of those concerned.

Section 1. Reasonable Cap in the Sale/Purchase of Additional Goods. – To meet the objective of MC No. 20-07, any person, natural or juridical, who buys, or sells or offers for sale the following additional vital or essential goods (regardless of brand) are hereby required to limit the quantity of the sale or purchase thereof in accordance with the table below:

N	GOODS	QUANTITY LIMIT PER TRANSACTION
O N :	Disinfectant Wipes or Towelettes (such as wet wipes and baby wipes)	Four (4) containers or packs
F O O D	Locally-produced Detergent Soap	Powder: - Two (2) bundles if sold in sachet - Two (2) boxes Bar: Two (2) long bars (<i>bareta</i>) or equivalent thereof
	Toothpaste	Four (4) tubes
	Mouthwash	Four (4) bottles
	Canned Pork	Ten (10) cans
	Canned Beef	Ten (10) cans

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F	Cooking oil	Four (4) bottles or packs
O	Locally produced condiments (soy sauce, vinegar, fish sauce)	Two (2) bottles or packs of each type of condiment
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D	Dried fish	Six (6) packs

Section 2. Exclusion from the Scope or Coverage. - The buyer may be excluded from the coverage of Memorandum Circular No. 20-07 and this issuance if the purchase is made by a National Government Agency/Local Government Unit (NGA/LGU) pursuant to a program to distribute basic grocery items to qualified beneficiaries, provided that with such bulk sale, the retailer shall still have sufficient stocks for the regular consumers. This provision shall exclude bulk sale of disinfectants like sanitizers and alcohol products. In case the inventory levels are not able to accommodate the requirements of the NGA/LGU, the retailer may refer the NGA/LGU concerned to the manufacturer/s concerned for direct purchase.

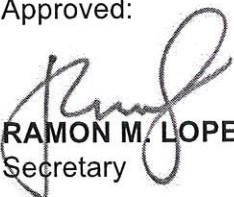
Section 3. Record of National Government Agency/Local Government Unit (NGA/LGU) Availing of the Exclusion. - The retailer shall retain a copy of the resolution authorizing the purchase, together with a list of the items and corresponding quantity of essential and vital goods purchased. The DTI may, upon request, require the presentation of the retailer's records.

Section 4. Implementation. - In case MC 20-07 and this supplemental circular are adopted *in toto* by any local government unit (LGU) as an ordinance, such ordinance shall be implemented by the LGU concerned and/or in coordination with the DTI. Provided, however, that if there is a difference between the MCs and an ordinance with respect to the quantity limit per transaction, that which prescribes the smaller quantity shall prevail.

Section 5. Effectivity. - This Supplementing Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof.

Issued this 31st day of March 2020 in Makati City, Philippines.

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