

Notification of the Ministry of Commerce

Regarding Use of Rice Moisture Analyzer in Purchase - Sale
or Distribution of Milled Rice, Brown Rice

In order to bring fairness to consumers and business operators in relation to the purchase - sale or the distribution of milled rice, brown rice, to benefit the calculation of the price of purchase – sale or the price of distribution of milled rice, brown rice, and to correspond to the current circumstance in purchasing – selling or distributing milled rice, brown rice, the Weights and Measures Committee had resolution at the meeting No. 3/2561 on Tuesday, 18th December B.E. 2561 (2018) to lay down regulations on the use of the rice moisture analyzer in purchasing – selling or distributing milled rice, brown rice.

By virtue of Section 5 and Section 10 of the Measurement Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), as amended by the Measurement Act (No. 3), B.E. 2557 (2014), and paragraph two of Section 25 of the Measurement Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), the Minister of Commerce, upon the recommendation of the Weights and Measures Committee, has therefore issued this Notification, as follows.

Article 1. This Notification shall come into force upon the expiration of sixty days from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.¹

Article 2. This Notification shall apply to a person who is granted to do the business of rice trading in the type of exporting rice to distribute in foreign countries as a general exporter, an exporter of milled rice contained in boxes or packages, and a border exporter in the type of rice milling and in the type of rice trading place under the law governing rice trading.

Article 3. In purchasing – selling or distributing milled rice, brown rice in every area, the business operator being granted to do the business of rice trading under Article 2 shall have to measure the moisture of milled rice, brown rice, by using the rice moisture analyzer.

¹ Published in the Government Gazette, Volume 136, Special Part 76 d, Page 11, dated 26 March B.E. 2562 (2019).

The rice moisture analyzer under paragraph one shall be certified by a competent official of the Central Bureau or the Branch Bureau. In addition, the certification does not expire on the date of measuring the moisture.

Article 4. In measuring the moisture of milled rice, brown rice, the business operator of rice trading shall comply with rules and procedures as follows:

(1) to randomize milled rice, brown rice throughout the truck by randomizing not less than 2 points, and not to touch (by hand) the samples of milled rice, brown rice, which are randomized directly,

(2) to use the number of the sample of milled rice or brown rice, as the case may be, as follows:

(a) in the case where the rice moisture analyzer has the measure system in the type of capacitance, to use the sample of milled rice or brown rice not less than 100 grams or to use in compliance with guidelines in the user manual of the rice moisture analyzer,

(b) in the case where the rice moisture analyzer has the measure system in the type of electrical resistance, to use the sample of milled rice or brown rice not less than 1 gram or to use in compliance with guidelines in the user manual of the rice moisture analyzer,

(3) to measure the moisture of the sample of milled rice, brown rice at least 3 times, and then to find out the average.

Article 5. During the measurement of the moisture of milled rice, brown rice for purchase - sale or distribution, the rice moisture analyzer shall be displayed in the manner that all persons relevant to the measurement are able to see the rate of moisture clearly at the same time. In this regard, the average rate of moisture as measured shall be recorded in a sheet of showing the outcome of weight at every time.

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