

Notification of the Ministry of Commerce

Regarding Use of Rice Moisture Analyzer in Purchase - Sale or Distribution of Paddy

Whereas the Ministry of Commerce has already issued the Notification of the Ministry of Commerce Regarding Use of Rice Moisture Analyzer in Purchase - Sale or Distribution of Paddy dated 19 June B.E. 2560 (2017) to ensure that the purchase - sale or distribution of moisture paddy is in compliance with the standard and fairness in calculating the price of purchase - sale or the price of distribution of paddy.

It is expedient that provisions regarding law enforcement on the sampling of grain and the measure of grain moisture should be amended to be clear and correspond to the usage condition of the rice moisture analyzer at present, the Weights and Measures Committee had resolution at the meeting No. 3/2561 on Tuesday, 18 December B.E. 2561 (2018) to lay down regulations on the use of the rice moisture analyzer in purchasing - selling or the distributing paddy, in order to bring fairness to agriculturalists, to benefit the calculation of the price of purchase - sale or the price of distribution of paddy, and to correspond to the current circumstance in purchasing - selling or distributing paddy. 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), together with 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. The Notification of the Ministry of Commerce Regarding Use of Rice Moisture Analyzer in Purchase - Sale or Distribution of Paddy dated 19 June B.E. 2560 (2017) shall be repealed.

¹ Published in the Government Gazette, Volume 136, Special Part 76 d, Page 9, dated 26 March B.E. 2562 (2019).

Article 3. This Notification shall apply to a business operator of rice trading in the type of rice milling and in the type of rice trading place under the law governing rice trading.

Article 4. In purchasing – selling or distributing paddy in every area, the business operator of rice trading under Article 3 shall have to measure the moisture of paddy by using the rice moisture analyzer.

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 5. In measuring the moisture of paddy, the business operator of rice trading shall comply with rules and procedures as follows:

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

(2) to use the sample of paddy not less than 100 grams per each time by pouring the paddy into the rice moisture analyzer; in a case where an ordinary person pours the paddy, the pouring shall be taken invariably in measuring the moisture of paddy per each time,

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

Article 6. During the measurement of the moisture of paddy 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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