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The Commerce Today Bi-Monthly Critical Commodities Bulletin is a product of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry developed to inform the public on key commodities inventory and pricing on a bi-monthly basis. The data reported is gathered based on assessment of import documents which include commercial invoice, assessment notice, single administrative document, clean report of findings, and targeted market sample surveys.

The below analyzed prices are contingent on inflation, exchange rate, import duties, shipping costs, insurance, licensing and registration fees and other administrative overheads which may also be due to the effects of Ebola.

Major Commodities Summary

Rice

- **Current Stock:** 906,608 (50 kg bags) or 45,330.40 MT
- **Stock Duration:** Through October 24, 2014
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** 29,168,812MT or 583,376 (50kg bags)
- **Retail Price Range:** **Urban:** \$14.50 – \$17.50/25kg, **Rural:** \$18 - \$21/25kg
- **Pending Orders:** 32,900MT due between Sept. 12 – Oct. 15

Petroleum

- **Current Stock:** **Gasoline (PMS):** 17,090.81MT (5,981,782 gallons); **Diesel (AGO):** 18,749.67MT (5,756,150 gallons); **Jet A-1:** N/A
- **Stock Duration:** Average 49 days as of September 10, 2014
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** 150,000 gallons/day (1,050,000 gallons or 25,000 gallons per week/ 100k gallons per month)
- **Retail Price Ceiling:** **AGO:** \$4.26; **PMS:** \$4.18
- **Pending Orders (September):** **AGO:** 7.9M gallons; **PMS:** 8.9M gallons

Cement

- **Current Stock:** 968,000 (50kg bags)
- **Stock Duration:** Local Manufacturer CEMENCO average production is 22,250 (50kg bags/week)
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** varies
- **Retail Price Range:** **Urban:** \$8.50 – 8.75/50kg, **Rural:** \$9 - 10 /50kg
- **Pending Orders:** Nil

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Petroleum Prices	Wholesale / Retail	Gasoline (PMS)	Fuel Oil (AGO)
Data based on monthly petroleum circular based on international Platts publication, CBL's daily rate as at Aug. 27th (US\$1 to L\$83) and Liberia's markup regime.	Wholesale Selling Price	US\$4.00	US\$4.08
	Retail Price	Pump US\$4.18/ LD\$345.00	US\$4.26/ LD\$355.00

Rice/25kg/brand	Wholesale Price	Urban Retail Price	Rural Retail Price
Bellaluna IR64	17.00	17.50	21.00
Lady Noora 1001	15.00	15.50	19.00
Bellaluna1001	14.00	14.50	18.00
Indian Parboiled IR64 5% broken	17.00	17.50	21.00
India Parboiled 100% broken	15.00	15.50	19.00
Indian Parboiled, Finda 100% broken	15.00	15.50	19.00
Mario Indian Parboiled 5% broken IR64	17.00	17.50	21.00

Other Essential Product/	Retail Price Range	Low High
Charcoal (bag)	LD300.00	LD400.00
Instant full cream powder milk 6X2, 750grams (ctn)	185.94	204.53
Onions (10kg)	35/50MM	6.25 7.03
	60/80MM	5.66 6.52
Sugar (50kg)	33.18	38.16
Pig feet (50kg barrel)	110.00	142.80
Mackerel Fish (20kg carton)	17.18	21.57
Chicken feet (10kgcarton)	12.72	15.96

Local Production - Private Sector Spotlight

Company:	Dura Plast				
Products	Plastic Materials (bucket – without faucets, chair, bowl, etc.)				
Drinking Bucket (in liters)	25 ltrs	20 ltrs	16 ltrs	10 ltrs	2.5 ltrs
Price/dozen	\$33.00	\$27.00	\$25.50	\$14.70	\$6.60
Summary:	Dura Plast is a local manufacturer of plastic products, such as buckets, bowls, crates, bottles, etc. These products are exported to other MRU countries.				
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Transportation Corner

Red Light to:

Destination in LD\$	Bus	Taxi
Niklay Town/Jacob Town	25	35
Stephen Tolbert Estate	10	15
Barnersville Estate	25	30
New Georgia Junction	15	20
Freeport	25	30
Logan Junction	30	40
Broad Street	35	45