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The Commerce Today 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 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.

Major Commodities Summary

Rice

- **Current Warehouse Stock:** 66,892.705 MT or 2,675,708(25 kg bags)
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** 29,168.81MT or 1,166,725.50 (25kg bags)
- **Current Annual Consumption:** 350,025.72MT or 14,001,028.80(25kg bags)
- **Imported Stock Duration:** Up to Sept. 29, 2015
- **Retail Price Range: Urban:** \$14.50 – \$16.50/25kg, **Rural:** Add average regional transportation cost to retail price (see page 2)
- **Confirmed Pending Orders:** 5,000MT or 200,000 (25kg bags) July '15
- **Pending Orders:** 33,783.9 MT or 1,351,356 (25kg bags) July –Sept.
- **Domestic Production:** TBD by MoA

Petroleum

- **Current Stock: Gasoline (PMS):**12,442.46MT (4,354,861 gallons); **Diesel (AGO):** 14,153.89MT (4,345,243 gallons); **Jet A-1:** 2,168.15 MT (693,809 gallons)
- **Total Stock Duration:** Average 36 days
- **Current Monthly Consumption: PMS:**150,000 gallons/day; **AGO:** 100,000 gallons/day; **Jet A-1:** 87,000 gallon/day
- **Retail Price Ceiling: AGO:** \$3.41; **PMS:** \$3.41 **Jet A-1:** US\$3.44
- **Pending Orders (Confirmed): AGO:** 11,770.08 MT **PMS:** 4,671.536 MT

Cement

- **Current Stock: 417,159** (50kg bags)
- **Stock Duration:** Local Manufacturer CEMENCO: average production is 15,000 (50kg bags/day)
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** 25,000 50KG bags monthly
- **Retail Price Range: Urban:** \$8.50 – 8.75/50kg, **Rural:** \$9 - 10 /50kg

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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 end-of-period rate (US\$1 to L\$85) and Liberia's markup regime.	Wholesale Selling Price	US\$3.23	US\$3.23
	Retail Pump Price	US\$3.41/ LD\$290.00	US\$3.41/ LD\$290.00

Rice/25KG/Brand	Whole-sale Price	Urban Retail Price	Average Cost of Rural Transportation in USD			
			Central	Eastern	West	South-East
Indian Parboiled IR64 5% broken; Brands: Bella Luna, Mario, Peacock, Lion/Blue, and the Pink Bag	16.00	16.50	1.31	0.79	1.66	3.78
Indian Parboiled 100% broken, Brands: Anchor, Crown, Finda, Liberty, Lady Noora	14.00	14.50	1.31	0.79	1.66	3.78

Eastern: Rural Montserrado, Margibi, Bassa and Rivercess Counties

Western: Bomi, Cape Mount and Gbarpolu Counties

Central: Bong, Nimba and Lofa Counties

South East: Grand Gedeh, River Gee, Maryland, Sinoe and Grand Kru Counties

Other Essential Product	Retail Pricing		
	Low	High	
Refined Vegetable Palm Oil (Olein 5lt)	US\$5.08	US\$5.84	
Wheat Flour 50kg	US\$33.59	US\$36.95	
Onions (10kg)	35/50MM	US\$5.41	US\$5.94
	60/80MM	US\$5.81	US\$6.39
Iodized Salt	US\$2.59	US\$2.67	
Sachet Water/20 sachets per bag	LD75	LD90	
Engine Oil Virco SAE 50 12X1LT	US\$26.15	US\$32.68	
Charcoal (bag)	LD300	LD350.00	

Note: Prices are in USD, unless stated otherwise

Local Production - Private Sector Spotlight

Company:	J. Palm Liberia
Product	Palm & Kernel Oil
Unit	Container(22 liter)
Price	LD\$1,800.00 per container
Summary:	J. Palm Liberia is a local MSME business that is involved in the production of local palm oil sales on the Liberian Market. Palm Liberia is located on the SKD Boulevard.
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Transportation Corner

Water Side to:		
Destination in L\$	Bus	Taxi
Monrovia City Hall	10	15
12 th Street	15	20
24 th Street	15	30
Air Field	20	25
Matadi Estate	20	40
Old Road Sinkor	25	40
Congo Town	25	50
SKD Boulevard	25	55