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Report Highlights:

An overview of Basic and Prime Commodities as defined by the Price Act or "An Act Providing Protection to Consumers by Stabilizing the Prices of Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities and by prescribing measures against Undue Price Increases during Emergency Situations and Like Occasions" and tariff and value added tax rates applied to the various food and agricultural products.

As defined by the [Price Act of the Philippines](#), basic necessities are goods that are vital to the needs of consumers for their sustenance and existence under the following situations: 1) when the area is proclaimed or declared a disaster area or under state of calamity; 2) when the area is declared under an emergency; 3) when the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus is suspended in that area; 4) when the area is placed under martial law; 5) when the area is declared to be in a state of rebellion; or 6) when state of war is declared in that area. Under the above circumstances are present, the price of basic necessities is automatically frozen at their prevailing prices or placed under automatic price control unless declared by the President of the Philippines otherwise.

BASIC NECESSITIES		
	MFN Tariff	VAT & Other Taxes
Rice	35%	0%
Corn	5-35%	0%
Root Crops	40%	12%
Bread	15%	12%
Fresh milk	3%	0%
Processed milk	0-5%	
Fresh eggs	10%	0%
Fresh, dried or canned fish	5%	12%
Fresh pork, beef and poultry	15/25% till 12/22 then 30/40% 10% 40/40% + SSG	0%
Fresh fruits	3-15%	0%
Fresh vegetables	3-40%	0%
Instant noodles		12%
• wheat	duty-free	
Coffee	40% TRQ	12%
Sugar	50-65%	0%
Cooking oil	15%	12%
Salt	1%	0%

Prime commodities are goods that are not considered basic necessities but are essential to consumers. The President of the Philippines may impose a price ceiling on any basic necessity or prime commodity, if any of the following condition warrant: 1) the impendency, existence, or effects of a calamity; 2) the threat, existence, or effect of an emergency; 3) the prevalence of widespread acts of illegal price manipulation; 4) the impendency, existence, or effect of any event that causes artificial and unreasonable increase in the price of the basic necessity or prime commodity; and 5) whenever the prevailing price or any basic necessity or prime commodity has risen to unreasonable levels.

PRIME COMMODITIES		
	MFN Tariff	VAT & Other Taxes
Fresh fruits	1-15%	0%
Flour	7%	12%
• wheat	0%	0%
Dried, Processed & Canned Pork	40%	12%
• pork	15/25% (12//22) then 30/40%	0%
• pork offal	5-10%	0%
Beef	10%	0%
Poultry Meat	40/40% poultry; 5% MDM 3-10% offal	
Dairy Products	1-7%	0% milk powders & fresh 12% processed dairy
Noodles	15%	12%
• wheat	duty-free	0%
Onions	40%	0%
Garlic	3%	
Vinegar, Patis, Soy Sauce	15%	12%
Poultry, Swine & Cattle Feeds	3%	0%

Attachments:

No Attachments.