

Ministerial Decision No 247 of 2024

Regarding the Code of Conduct Guidelines in the Consumer Goods Sector

The Minister of Economy,

After perusal of Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 on the competencies of Ministries and the powers of Ministers and its amendments, and Cabinet Decision No. (120) of 2022 on the Rules and Controls for Pricing Consumer Goods in the State.

Decided:

Article 1  
Definitions

The same definitions mentioned in Cabinet Definitions No. (120) of 2022 regarding the rules and regulations for pricing consumer goods in the state shall apply to this decision. Otherwise, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated next to each of them, unless the context of the text dictates otherwise:

Code of Conduct: A guideline aimed at regulating the contractual relationship between the retailer and the supplier in the consumer goods sector.

Article 2  
Code of Conduct

1. The Code of Conduct guidelines in the consumer goods sector are issued under this decision to regulate the contractual relationship between the retailer and the supplier, and it is attached to this decision.
2. Retailers and suppliers in the consumer goods sector may refer to any of the rules stipulated in the Code of Conduct to guide the organization of their contractual relationship.
3. The Code of Conduct does not establish any binding rules for organizing the contractual relationship between the retailer and the supplier in the consumer goods sector.

Article 3  
Authority of the Code of Conduct

1. Under no circumstances may any clause of the contract governing the contractual relationship between the retailer and the supplier in the consumer goods sector be

- invoked based on the Code of Conduct, nor does it in any way replace the contract governing the contractual relationship between the parties.
2. The Code of Conduct may not be relied upon in any dispute that may arise between the retailer and the supplier in the consumer goods sector, nor can it be used to present any arguments or defenses regarding any commercial dispute that may arise between the parties.

#### Article 4

##### Effectiveness of the Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct shall be effective as a guideline from the date of its issuance under this decision for a period of one year. The ministry, after coordinating with the competent authorities, may extend this period or make amendments to it.

#### Article 5

##### Publication and Implementation of the Decision

This decision shall be published in the official gazette and shall come into effect the day following its publication date.

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Minister of Economy

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