



Ministry of Trade and Industry

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MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY SEALS KANYIMBO GENERAL DEALERS, SARA GENERAL DEALERS, FATIMA AGRO DEALERS, SANA AREA 10 BUTCHERY, FOODWORTH BUTCHERY, DALITSO GENERAL DEALERS AND OTHERS FOR GROSS TRADE RELATED VIOLATIONS

The general public is hereby informed that the Ministry of Trade and Industry in collaboration with the Competition and Fair Trading Commission (CFTC) and the Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS) is conducting routine market surveillances in all parts of this country.

This follows the gross business malpractices being observed on the market including unfair pricing of commodities. Pursuant to the Business Licensing Act, the Ministry is mandated to enforce fair business practices on the market and close those businesses that are deemed to be breaking the law and they will remain closed.

The public is the best informant of shops that are overcharging prices arbitrarily or selling substandard products on the market. We encourage you to work with the Ministry in reporting such companies and shops.

As one way of stabilizing prices, the Ministry is working with RBM to consider supporting with forex companies involved in the supply of basic essential commodities like soap, sugar, matches, cooking oil to ensure that a common man is not struggling.

The Ministry has also strengthened the Control of Goods Act (COGA) in the last parliament. The aim is to restrict importation of goods that are locally produced in adequate supply.

The Ministry, CFTC and MBS will continue performing these market surveillances on a daily basis until sanity is restored on the market.

The general public is further asked to be vigilant and report any suspected case of unfair trading practices through this tollfree line: **2489**. The Ministry looks forward to creation of a market place that upholds fairness, safety, legality and builds trust with the public. For more information and all related queries please contact the following:

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