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Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour
Matagaluega o Pisinisi, Alamanua ma Leipa



The Role of the Competition and Consumer Commission

A guide for businesses and consumers

The role of the Commission

The Competition and Consumer Commission is an independent body that administers and enforces the Competition and Consumer Act 2016 (the CCA).

The Commission has the following functions under section 7 of the CCA:

- *Advise the Minister responsible for commerce on competition, consumer protection and prices;*
- *Conduct research into competition, consumer protection and prices;*
- *Promote business compliance with the CCA;*
- *Promote skills development in the legal, economic and policy aspects of competition, consumer protection and prices oversight;*
- *Educate the public on the value of competition and consumer protections; and*
- *Issue guidelines on competition, consumer protection, pricing and the administration of the CCA.*

Under Parts 6 and 7 of the CCA, the Commission has the power to conduct investigations into legal breaches and take enforcement action, including litigation.

Price Control

Old system

The General Price Order (GPO) lists types of dried and freezer foods that have a specified maximum price

Manufacturers of foods listed in the GPO apply to MCIL for price changes, and importers submit costings to MCIL

MCIL assesses costs and makes a recommendation to the Prices Board to change the prices under the GPO

The Prices Board sets the new price

New system

By default, under the Competition and Consumer Act 2016, there are no price controls

However, the Minister responsible for commerce can refer the Commission to inquire and report on prices of specified goods

If the Commission finds there is no effective competition in the market for those goods, it can recommend a price control order be made

Cabinet may then advise the Head of State to make a price control order

Mo nisi faamatalaga faafesootai le Vaega o Fefaaatauaiga
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GALUEGA TAUAVE A LE KOMISI O FAIGA FA'ATAUVAGA MA TAGATA E FA'AAOGAINA OLOA MA AUAUNAGA

Taiala mo pisinisi ma tagata fa'aaoga oloa

Galuega Tauave a le Komisi

O le Komisi o le itutino e tutoatasi e galueaina ma faamalosia le Tulafono o Faiga Faatauvaga o Fefaatauaiga ma le Puipuiga o Tagata e Faaaogaina Oloa ma Auaunaga

O galuega tauave nei a le Komisi e tusa ai ma le vaega 7 o le Tulafono:

- *Fautuaina le Minisita i faiga faatauvaga, puipuiga o tagata e faaaogaina oloa ma auaunaga ma tau o oloa;*
- *Faatautaia saililiga i mataupu e aafia ai faiga faatauvaga, puipuiga o tagata e faaaogaina oloa ma auaunaga ma tau o oloa;*
- *Uunaia le faaaogaina o faiga faafoe faalotoifale ma faafoega o lamatiaga e tagata o tauaveina pisinisi;*
- *Uunaia suesuega faapitoa ma le atinae o tomai e faatatau i itu faaletulafono, tulaga tau tamaoiga ma faiga faavae, faatauvaga, puipuiga o tagata e faaaogaina oloa ma auaunaga ma le pulega o tau o oloa;*
- *Uunaia le faalauiloa o le malamalama o tagata lautele i le taua o faiga faatauvaga ma puipuiga o tagata e faaaogaina oloa ma auaunaga;*
- *Tauaveina so o se isi lava galuega tauave ua faaee atu e lenei Tulafono .*

Faatonutonuina o Tau o Oloa

Faiga Faavae Tuai

O le Poloiga Aoao o Tau o Oloa o loo faatulaga ai tau maualuluga faatapulaa mo oloa tuu fata ma tuuvisa.

O fale gaosi oloa mo oloa gaosia i le atunuu e talosaga mai i le Matagaluega mo suiga o tau o oloa faapena foi pisnisi mo oloa auina mai fafo e tuuina mai pepa o faamatalaga.

E iloilo e le Matagaluega talosaga ma pepa o faamatalaga ma fai fautuaga i le Komiti Faatino o Tau o Oloa mo suiga i tau o oloa.

O le Komiti Faatino Tau o Oloa e faamaonia ma pasiaina tau o oloa.

Faiga Faavae Fou

E tusa ai ma le Tulafono o Faiga Faatauvaga o Fefaatauaiga ma le Puipuiga o Tagata e Faaaogaina Oloa ma Auaunaga, e leai ni Poloiga o Tau o Oloa ae faamalosia faiga faatauvaga.

E mafai ona manaomia e le Minisita mai le Komisi se lipoti o le suesuega o le tau o se oloa ua le tusa ai ma faiga faatauvaga.

Afai ae faamaonia e le Komisi ua lē talafeagai faatauvaga i tau o ni oloa, ua talosagaina loa le faia o se Poloiga o Tau o Oloa e puleaina ai tau o nei oloa.

E faamaonia e le Ao o le Malo le faia o lenei Poloiga o Tau o Oloa e faalagolago i fautuaga a le Kabeneta.