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Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Ministerial Decree
No. 129/2015
On the promulgation of a Regulation on Sale at Discounted Prices

By virtue of the Commercial Registration Law No. 3/74; and

The Commercial Law issued through Royal Decree No. 55/90; and

The Ministerial Decree No. 85/2008 on Regulating Sale at Discounted Prices; and

In accordance with the public interest,

It was Decreed that

Article One

The attached Regulation shall be applicable in sale at discounted prices.

Article Two

The Above-mentioned Ministerial Decree No. 85/2008 shall be annulled, as well as whatever violates the attached Regulation or contradict its provisions.

Article Three

This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force as of the day following the date of its publication.

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Corresponding to 4 May 2015

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Regulation of Sale at Discounted Prices

Article (1)

In applying the provisions of this regulation, the following words and phrases, unless the context requires otherwise, shall mean:

- **The Ministry:**
The Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- **Deputy:**
The Deputy Minister
- **Products:**
Goods or services
- **Institution:**
Commercial, industrial or service institution
- **License:**
The approval issued by the Ministry to the institution to make discounts.
- **Licensee:**
Any institution licensed to make discounts.

Article (2)

Any institution seeking to lower the products' prices shall obtain a license.

Article (3)

A request for a license shall be submitted by the institution's owner or their representative to the Ministry using the form designated for this purpose at least (15) fifteen days before the suggested date to commence discounts. A list of the discounted products, showing their prices before and after the discount, the discount rate, a copy of the sale bills of these products before the discount, and the start and end dates of the discount shall be attached.

Article (4)

The Ministry shall review the request for a license and decide on it within (15) fifteen days of the date of its submission with all the required data and documents. If the request is rejected, the reason for the decision shall be specified; the applicant shall be notified of the reasons for the rejection in writing. If the aforesaid period ends without the applicant receiving a response, this shall be considered a rejection.

The applicant may appeal this rejection decision to the Deputy within (60) sixty days from the date of being notified or of the end date of the aforesaid period. The decision taken on the appeal shall be considered final.

Article (5)

The Ministry shall issue the license in accordance with the form designated for this purpose.

Article (6)

The discounted products shall be valid for use for at least (30) thirty days from the end date of the discount; the warrantee of the products that require after-sale service shall continue to be valid.

Article (7)

The licensee shall place green labels on the discounted products, yellow labels on discounted defective products, and red labels on undiscounted products, provided that the products' prices before and after the discount and the discount rate are stated in Arabic on the labels. It is permitted to write this information in another language, in addition to Arabic.

Article (8)

The discount rate shall be at least 20% of the product's price before the discount, with the exception of food supplies, vehicles, gold, and gemstones such as jewelry and precious stones, for which the discount rate may be lower than the aforesaid rate.

Article (9)

The licensee shall not raise the products' prices during the discount period

Article (10)

The branches of the institution that conduct the same business in the same governorate shall be considered as one place when licensing the discounts.

Article (11)

It is not permitted to advertise any discounts by any means of advertisement and publishing before the license is obtained.

In all cases, the advertisement shall include the start and end dates of the discount and maximum and minimum rates of the discount, taking into consideration that all the information shall be in the same font size.

Article (12)

No change in the discount rates or period, nor any cancelation or addition of discounted products, shall be made without a written approval from the Ministry.

Article (13)

The licensee shall show the license in a prominent place in the business so that consumers and employees can easily see it.

Article (14)

It is prohibited to, directly or indirectly, offer discounts on tobacco, its products, or its derivatives.

Article (15)

Employees who have the power of law-enforcement officers shall have the right to verify and monitor discounts, enter shops at any time to ensure the application of the provisions hereof, and, to this end, to request any papers or documents they deem to be related to the conduct of discounts.

Article (16)

The Ministry may impose an administrative fine of (500) five hundred OMR on whoever violates the provisions hereof, and the fine is doubled upon repeating the violation.