



**competition commission**  
*south africa*

**Media Statement**

**For Immediate Release**

**16 April 2020**

**BEWARE OF A CIRCULATING FAKE PRICE LIST ON ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

The Competition Commission would like to warn members of the public about a circulating fake price list that purports to be price guidelines for hygiene and healthcare products issued by the Commission.

The Commission has not issued price guidelines for any items and therefore the price list guideline. We are, however, investigating unreasonable price increases on essential items in line with the regulations issued by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel.

We urge members of the public to ignore this fake list and discourage anyone from circulating it. Anyone who continues to distribute the list must be urgently reported to 084 743 0000.

It has also come to the attention of the Commission that there are criminal elements purporting to be our investigators who are interacting with businesses with the intention of soliciting bribes.

It is important to note that all our telephonic investigations are accompanied by written correspondence, either before or after a telephone call from an investigator. Further, our investigators can be verified by either calling 0123943378 or sending an email to [Ccsa@compcom.co.za](mailto:Ccsa@compcom.co.za).

The Commission has brought the activities of the bogus investigators to the attention of law enforcement agencies.

**[ENDS]**

**Issued by:**

Sipho Ngwema, Head of Communication

On behalf of: The Competition Commission of South Africa

Tel: 012 394 3493 / 081 253 8889

Email: [SiphoN@compcom.co.za](mailto:SiphoN@compcom.co.za)

Find us on the following social media platforms:

Twitter: @CompComSA

Instagram: Competition Commission SA

Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube: The Competition Commission South Africa

