Media Statement
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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.

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

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3 ply surgical: R9.50 - R16.50 ex Vat
N95/FFP2 Masks: R20.00 - R28.00 ex Vat
3M N95 Masks: R30.00 - R40.00 ex Vat
Medical Suits: R187.00 - R245.00 ex Vat
Medical goggles: R55.00 - R112.00 ex Vat
Sanitizer 70% Alcohol 500ml: R198.30 - R269.00 ex Vat
Body bars: R1.50 - R175.00 ex Vat
Surgical gloves: R15.00 - R220.00 ex Vat
Examination gowns: R75.00 - R112.00 ex Vat

Prices are quantity dependent, hence they vary.

These are based on local and import suppliers I have interacted with what the CompCom are working with.