

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70 EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61 SUSPENDING OF TARIFF ON RICE

WHEREAS, the Government of Liberia is committed to ensuring that the prices of certain basic commodities on the Liberian market are at levels that do not impose unnecessary burden on the population;

WHEREAS, Government conducted an assessment and evaluation of the causes of increases in the prices of various strategic commodities and intends to initiate measures to ameliorate the situation;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the findings of the assessment, Government has recognized the need to curb the continuous increases in the price of rice, the country's staple, to make it affordable for public purchase;

WHEREAS, there exists a need for exigent measures to achieve the desired objective of easing the economic burden on the people of this country to enable access to the stable food, and such measures cannot await long processes; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of the Executive Power vested in the President by the Constitution, the President issued Executive Orders No. 11, 19, 45 and 61 suspending import tariffs on rice in the interest of the public, and circumstances again necessitate similar measures;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government of Liberia in its desire to continue bringing relief to the public hereby extends Executive Order No. 61, suspending the import tariff on rice as classified under tariff Nos. 1006.30.00 (in packing of more than 5kg or in bulk); 1006.30.00 (in packing of at least 5kg); and 1006.40.00 (broken rice) under the Revenue Code of Liberia Act 2000 as amended.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND SEAL OF THE REPUBILC OF LIBERIA THIS 25 DAY OF IUNE, A.D. 2015

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

PRESIDENT REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA