



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 98  
SUSPENDING TARIFF ON RICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Liberia is committed to ensuring that the prices of certain basic commodities on the Liberian market including rice are affordable and do not impose unnecessary burden on the people;

**WHEREAS**, Government having conducted an assessment and evaluation on the causes of increases in the price of various strategic commodities including rice 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 increase in the price of rice, the country's staple food, to make it affordable for purchase;

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for exigent measures to achieve the desired objectives of easing the economic burden on the citizens and residents to enable access to rice, the staple food, and such measures cannot await long legislative processes, and

**WHEREAS**, in the exercise of the Executive Power vested in the President by the Constitution of Liberia, several Executive Orders were issued by past and present Presidents suspending import tariffs on rice in the interest of the public;

**WHEREAS**, such circumstances have again necessitated similar measures;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Government of Liberia in its desire to continue bringing relief to the public hereby issue this Executive Order No. 98, 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 with immediate effect.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2020.

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'George M. Weah, Sr.', written over a horizontal line.

George M. Weah, Sr.  
**PRESIDENT  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

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