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TO: ALL AUTHORISED DEALERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

FISCAL POLICY MEASURES 2012

This is to inform all Authorised Dealers that the Federal Government has approved the release of the following Fiscal Policy Measures for 2012:

With effect from 31st January, 2012:

- Agricultural machinery and equipment shall attract zero per cent (0%) duty in order to support the development of agricultural sector;
- ii) Equipment and machinery in the power sector shall attract zero per cent (0%) duty, to create a robust power sector and provide an enabling environment for investment.

With effect from 31st March, 2012:

- i) Importation of cassava flour shall be prohibited, to encourage the substitution of high quality cassava flour for wheat flour in bread-making;
- ii) Corporate tax incentive rebate of 12% shall be enjoyed by Bakers on attainment of 40% cassava blend within a period of 18 months;
- iii) All equipment for processing cassava flour for composite flour blending shall be imported duty free.

In order to encourage the purchase and utilisation of locally produced commodities, the under-listed measures are hereby introduced with effect from 1st July, 2012:

- i) Wheat flour shall attract a levy of 65% and 35% duty rate;
- ii) Wheat grain shall attract a levy of 15% and 5% duty;
- iii) Husked brown rice shall attract a levy of 25% and duty rate of 5%;
- iv) Imported polished rice shall attract a levy of 40% and duty of 10%.

Concessions:

In order to expand domestic production, boost exports, generate employment and create a level playing field, concessions and waivers shall be granted only on sectoral basis.

All Authorised Dealers are required to bring to the attention of their customers these measures for strict compliance.

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