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MINISTERIAL CLARIFICATION ON THE PREVENTITIVE MEASURES AGAINST ARTIFICIAL SHORTAGES DUE TO FUEL HOARDING AND PANIC BUYING IN ORDER TO ENSURE SECURITY OF FUEL SUPPLY

The Ministry has noted the outcry of the public in response to the temporary measures that have been introduced to curb fuel hoarding and panic buying to address the issue of artificial shortages.

Furthermore, the Ministry acknowledges that there are many farmers, various business operators such as those in the tourism sector, and other citizens out there who normally buy fuel from time to time by filling up their fuel drums and petroleum products jerry cans for use in their genuine farming, business and other activities, and that such farmers, business operators and other citizens do not fill up their fuel drums and petroleum products jerry cans for the purposes of fuel hoarding or panic buying. In addition, the Ministry is fully aware that not all farmers, business operators and other citizens are in possession of consumer installation certificates.

It is, therefore, against this background that the Ministry is hereby instructing all fuel retail outlets and resellers alike to request for satisfactory explanations and use proper discretion before filling up the fuel drums or petroleum products jerry cans of farmers, business operators, and other citizens who would otherwise require to purchase fuel for purposes other than hoarding or panic buying.

Moreover, the Ministry is hereby directing the licensed fuel wholesalers and retailers/dealers to play their part to bring the issues of panic buying and fuel hoarding under control, especially by educating their potential customers and clients about the main aim of the deterring directives that the Government has introduced for the next three months. Thus, the fuel marketing managers at each outlet countywide should be able to identify the legitimate and bona fide farmers, project contractors, businesses, tourism operators, and individuals, etc., by either requesting for satisfactory explanations or physical proof of their activities, and using proper discretion thereof in order to assist fellow Namibians that are truly in need of bulk fuel for their operations out there.


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