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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

CIRCULAR NO. 1 of 2026

Our Ref:

9th January 2026

To: Ali Permanent Secretaries
All Chief Executive Officers of Parastatal and Statutory Bodies
All Town Clerks and Council Secretaries of Local Authorities

RE: **PUBLICATION OF THE 2026 FIRST QUARTER MARKET PRICE INDEX**

The above captioned matter refers.

1. Pursuant to Section 12 (3) of the Public Procurement Act No. 8 of 2020 (PPA), the Zambia Public Procurement Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") is required to issue a quarterly Market Price Index to be used by Controlling Officers, Chief Executive Officers and Procuring Entities (PEs) for informed price decisions.
2. The Authority has issued the 2026 First Quarter Market Price Index in accordance with Section 12 of the PPA as amended by the Public Procurement (Amendment) Act No.17 of 2023. The Market Price Index is accessible on the Authority's website www.zppa.org.zm and the electronic government procurement (e-GP) platform <https://eprocure.zppa.org.zm/epps/home.do>. The first quarter Market Price Index shall be in effect until the Authority issues the next quarterly Market Price Index.
3. PEs are reminded to continue submitting reports on standardised and commonly procured stock items in stock yard/houses, non-stock items, capital expenditure and other project items to RCD@zppa.org.zm and registry@zppa.org.zm for inclusion in subsequent Market Price Indices.
4. PEs are further reminded that the Authority has revised templates for Inventory and Stock Management and Market Price Index and Price Reasonableness Analysis reports. These are available at <https://www.zppa.org.zm/templates>.

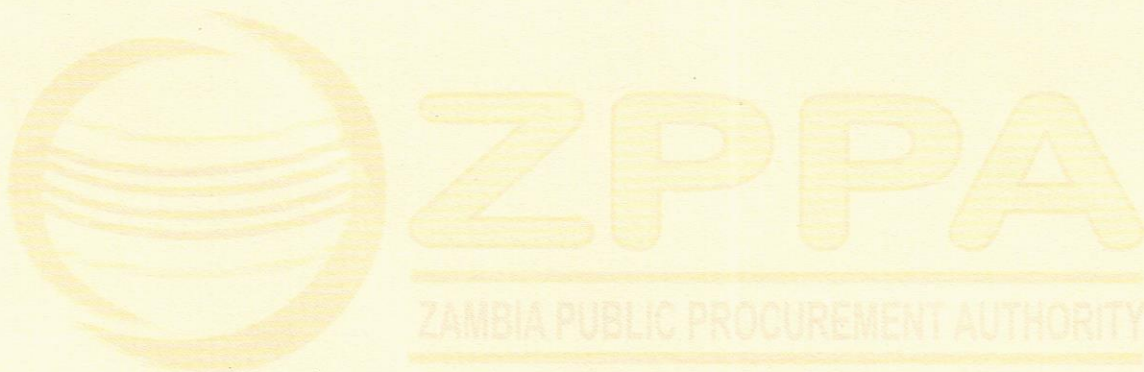
All addressees are urged to ensure that the contents of this Circular are brought to the attention of all staff under their supervision.

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

cc: The Secretary to the Cabinet
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