



Ministerial Decision No. (74) of 2026

On the Prohibition of Increasing Prices of Land Transport Services and Port Operational Services
During Emergency Circumstances

The Minister of Economy and Tourism,

- Having reviewed Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 On the Competencies of Ministries and Powers of Ministers, as amended,
- Federal Law No. (15) of 2020 On Consumer Protection, and its Executive Regulations,
- Federal Decree-Law No. (36) of 2023 Regulating Competition,
- And based on the requirements of the public interest, and to ensure the stability of costs of land transport services and port operational services during emergency circumstances,

Decided:

Article (1)

Definitions

For the purpose of applying the provisions of this Decision, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

Ministry	:	Ministry of Economy and Tourism.
Concerned Authorities	:	Relevant federal government entities responsible for the implementation of the provisions of this Decision.
Covered Services	:	The services specified in the Annex attached to this Decision.
Price Increase	:	Any direct or indirect increase in the service fee, including the imposition of additional charges or any unilateral and sudden amendment to contractual terms resulting in an increase in cost to the customer.
Emergency Circumstances	:	Any exceptional internal or external event, including, for example, sudden changes in supply chains or any other circumstance that directly affects service provision or market stability, requiring exceptional regulatory measures to ensure market stability, continuity of covered services, and protection of the interests of the State and customers.



Article (2)

Objectives of the Decision

This Decision aims to achieve the following:

1. Limit unjustified increases in prices of land transport services within the State.
2. Limit unjustified increases in prices of port operational services.
3. Ensure stability of logistics service costs during emergency circumstances.
4. Achieve a balance between protecting customers and ensuring business continuity.

Article (3)

Scope of Application

This Decision shall apply to providers of covered services within the State, including land transport companies, port operators, and related logistics service providers, as well as service providers operating in free zones.

Article (4)

Prohibited Acts

It is prohibited for providers of covered services to:

1. Increase the prices of covered services, whether wholly or partially, unless prior explicit approval from the Ministry based on a justified request supported by relevant documents and data.
2. Impose any additional fees or charges or amend contractual terms in a manner that results in increased costs to customers with the intent of circumventing the provisions of this Decision.

Article (5)

Price Reversion and Regularization of Positions

1. All providers of covered services shall revert the prices of such services that were increased in violation of the provisions of this Decision to the final price applied prior to any increase made during the developments in respect of which this Decision was issued.
2. Providers of the covered services who have increased their prices shall be granted a period not exceeding (3) three working days from the date of entry into force of this Decision to regularize their status and submit an application to the Ministry to review prices in accordance with the approved procedures.
3. The submission of such application shall not suspend the obligation to revert prices, unless the Ministry issues explicit approval to the contrary.



Article (6)

Requests for Price Review

1. Providers of covered services may submit a request to the Ministry to increase prices, provided that clear economic, financial, and commercial justifications are submitted, supported by relevant documents and data.
2. In evaluating requests for price increases, the following shall be considered in particular:
 - a. Increase in fuel or operational costs.
 - b. Increase in port fees or related service charges.
 - c. Changes in supply chains or logistical conditions.
 - d. Any other objective economic, financial, or commercial factors accepted by the Ministry.
3. No price increase may be implemented unless prior explicit written approval is obtained from the Ministry, specifying the permitted percentage of increase for the covered service.

Article (7)

Coordination and Monitoring

1. The concerned authorities in the State shall coordinate with the Ministry regarding any requests or practices related to the pricing of covered services.
2. The Ministry may request any data, documents, or clarifications necessary to monitor the implementation of this Decision.
3. Customers and beneficiaries shall notify the Ministry of any violations or breaches related to the implementation of this Decision.

Article (8)

Implementation

The Ministry shall, in coordination with the concerned authorities and competent local entities, oversee the implementation of this Decision and take the necessary measures in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Article (9)

Violations

Any act committed in violation of the provisions of this Decision shall be subject to the penalties and measures prescribed in the relevant legislation, particularly Federal Law No. (15) of 2020 and its Executive Regulations.



Article (10)

Grievances

1. Providers of covered services may submit a grievance to the Minister or his delegate against any decision issued pursuant to this Decision within a period not exceeding (7) working days from the date of notification.
2. The grievance shall be decided within (7) working days from the date of submission, and failure to respond within this period shall be deemed a rejection.

Article (11)

Publication and Entry into Force

1. This Decision shall enter into force as of the date of its issuance.
2. This Decision shall remain in force for a period of (6) months from the date of issuance and may be extended or terminated prior to its expiry by a decision issued by the Minister.

Original signed by

Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri
Minister of Economy and Tourism

Issued on : 27/03/2026

Annex No. (1)

List of Covered Services

Services	
1.	Domestic Land Transport Services for Goods.
2.	Food Delivery and Distribution Services (Domestic Transport).
3.	Handling Services, including loading and unloading of vessels, distribution of goods within ports, and packaging of goods.
4.	Land-Based Logistics Services (including inspection of goods, temporary storage, and sorting).