

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SENIOR CITIZENS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Section 4. *Privileges for Senior Citizens.* The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

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- (I) to the extent possible, the government may grant special discounts in special programs for senior citizens on purchase of basic commodities, subject to the guidelines to be issued for the purpose of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA); and

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City/Municipality of _____
Office of Senior Citizens Affair
Address: _____
Tel. No.: _____

Department of Social Welfare & Development (RFU- ____)
Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs
Address: _____
Tel. No.: _____

Department of Agriculture (RFU-____)
Address: _____
Tel. No.: _____



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Republic of the Philippines
City/Municipality of _____
Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs

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This
PURCHASE BOOKLET*

Belongs to:

Name: _____
OSCA I.D. No.: _____
Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____
Signature: _____

OSCA HEAD

MAYOR

* This Purchase Booklet is exclusively for agricultural commodities only.

Date	No. of Items Purchased Subject to 5% Discount ¹	Amount of Purchase Subject to 5% Discount ²	Remaining Balance for the Week	Name of Establishment	Signature of Retailer/ Authorized Representative	Signature of Senior Citizens/ Authorized Representative
Sun /						
Mon /						
Tue /						
Wed /						
Thu /						
Fri /						
Sat /						
Total						

P _____ P _____

(To be filled up by the Retailer/ or Retailer's Authorized Representative)

At least four (4) kinds of items per week.

- Rice (except rice sold by National Food Authority)
- Food grade corn and corn grits
- Fresh fish and other marine products
- Fresh chicken eggs

- Fresh pork meat
- Fresh beef meat
- Fresh poultry meat
- Fresh vegetables including root crops

- Fresh fruits
- Onion
- Garlic

¹ Please check the purchase items as listed in the table above.

² Should not exceed P650.00 per calendar week.

cery stores, convenience and mini-convenience stores and shops, but excluding sari-sari stores, public and private wet markets, "talipapa" and cooperative stores;

(d) "Senior Citizen or Elderly" shall refer to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old.

Section 3. Discount. – Every senior citizen shall enjoy a special discount of Five Percent (5%) of the regular retail price of basic necessities and prime commodities listed under Section 2 (a) of this Order. The total amount of said purchase shall not exceed the amount of Six Hundred Fifty Pesos (P650.00) per calendar week without carry over of the unused amount. Provided, that said amount shall be spent on at least four (4) kinds of items listed under Section 2(a) of this Order.

Section 4. Valid Identification Documents. – To avail of the discount, a senior citizen must present his/ her identification card issued by the OSCA of the city-municipality where he/ she resides.

In the event that the retailer has reasonable doubt as to the identity of a senior citizen availing of such special discount, the retailer may request the senior citizen to present any other government issued identification document, whether national or local.

Section 5. Purchase Booklet. – A purchase booklet shall be presented to the retailer every time a purchase of basic necessities and prime commodities is made. The purchase booklet shall be distributed by the OSCA. It shall contain the name of the senior citizen, the list of basic necessities and prime commodities under Section 2 (a) of this Order, the retailer name and address, date of purchase and the amount.

Section 6. Special Lane. - Whenever practicable, retailers shall provide a special express lane for senior citizens; in the absence thereof, priority shall be given to them.

Section 7. Authorized Representative. – A senior citizen who cannot personally purchase basic necessities and prime commodities under Section 2 (a) of this Order may, by written authority, appoint a representative to transact with the retailer on his/her behalf. The authorized representative shall be required to present a valid government issued identification document together with the OSCA-issued identification document of the concerned senior citizen and an authorization letter.

Section 8. Penal and Administrative Sanctions. - Penal and administrative sanctions are those which are provided under R.A. 9257.

Section 9. Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Issued this 12th day of December 2005 in Quezon City, Philippines.


DOMINGOF. PANGANIBAN
Secretary

Calendar Week _____ 2006

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**DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NO. 37, Series of 2005**

**Implementing Rules and Regulations on the Grant of Special Discounts
to Senior Citizens on the Purchase of Basic Necessities or
Prime Agricultural Commodities pursuant to Section 2 of R.A. 9257,
otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) 9257 also known as the “*Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003*” was signed into law on February 26, 2004 by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo amending R.A. 7432 and granting additional benefits and privileges to senior citizens;

WHEREAS, Section 4, paragraph (l) of R.A. 7432 as amended by Section 2 of R.A. 9257 provides that “*to the extent possible, the government may grant special discounts in special programs for senior citizens on purchase of basic commodities, subject to the guidelines to be issued for the purpose by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA)*”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, in accordance with Section 4, paragraph (l) of R.A. 7432 as amended by Section 2 of R.A. 9257 also known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003, do hereby issue this Order providing special discounts to senior citizens on the purchase of basic necessities or prime agricultural commodities under DA jurisdiction:

Section 1. Scope and Coverage – This Order shall apply to senior citizens and retailers as defined under Section 2 hereof.

Section 2. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Order, these terms are defined as follows:

(a) “Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities” are as follows:

1. Rice (except rice sold and retailed by the National Food Authority);
2. Food grade corn and corn grits;
3. Fresh fish and other marine products;
4. Fresh chicken eggs;
5. Fresh pork, beef, and poultry meat;
6. Fresh vegetables including root crops;
7. Fresh fruits; and
8. Onion and garlic.

(b) “OSCA” shall refer to the Office for Senior Citizen Affairs established in cities and municipalities under the Office of the Mayor headed by a senior citizen;

(c) “Retailer” shall mean any person engaged in the business of selling consumer products directly to consumers, which shall include among others, supermarkets, gro-

CRIMINAL PENALTIES

**Under Section 10 of Republic Act. No. 9257
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Any person who violates any provision on this Act shall suffer the following penalties;

- 1) For the first violation, a fine of not less than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) but not exceeding One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than two (2) years; and
- 2) For any subsequent violation, a fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) but not exceeding Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) and imprisonment for not less than two (2) years but not more than six (6) years.

Any person who abuses he privileges granted herein shall be punished with a fine not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not more than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than six (6) months.

If the offender is a corporation, organization or any similar entity, the officials thereof directly involved shall be liable therefor.

If the offender is an alien or a foreigner, he shall be deported immediately after service of sentence without further deportation proceedings.

Upon filing of an appropriate compliant, and after due notice and hearing, the proper authorities may also cause the cancellation or revocation of the business permit, permit to operate, franchise and other similar privileges granted to any business entity that fails to abide by the provision of the Act.”