

Protocol In Case of Bad Weather- Applicable at the National Wholesale Market (NWM)

The operating hours of the NWM shall be amended as per scenarios described below in response to emergencies caused by bad weather. Same include –

1) Scenario 1: Before Opening of the NWM

- a) A cyclonic warning Class III or IV is issued; or
- b) A communiqué is issued by the Government informing of no work due to risk of torrential rain, flash flood or any other security/health risk.
- c) **Result:** The NWM shall not open for business.

2) Scenario 2: After Passage of an Extreme Weather Phenomenon

- a) Extreme weather conditions occurred during the night or such that consequentially the AMB could not carry a survey to assess any potential safety risks to Users before a normal opening.
- b) **Result:** should the damage be minimal and pose no safety risk, the subsequent amendments to the NWM operating hours are:

Opening Hours	:	06.00 hrs
Receipt of Produce	:	06.00 to 07.00 hrs
Sales	:	As from 07.00 hrs

- c) **Result:** should there be a substantial risk to safety of Users, then the opening of the NWM shall be deferred until further notice.

3) Scenario 3: Before Opening of the NWM, Risk of an Extreme Weather Phenomenon

- a) There is a substantial risk of an extreme weather phenomenon prevailing before or during the operating hours of the NWM.
Example: There is a high risk of a cyclone warning class III or class IV to be emitted around 04.00 hrs.
- b) **Result:** Should the risk do not materialise, then the operating hours of the NWM shall be as below or deferred as may be necessary:

Opening Hours	:	06.00 hrs
Receipt of Produce	:	06.00 to 07.00 hrs
Sales	:	As from 07.00 hrs

4) Scenario 4: During Operating Hours of the NWM, Occurrence of an Extreme Weather Phenomenon

- a) The relevant Authorities have issued a communiqué informing of extreme weather conditions and consequentially work has to be stopped.
Example: A cyclone warning class III issued during the normal operating hours of the NWM.
- b) **Result:** the NWM shall close within a maximum of 2 hours. Entry time of Buyers will be shortened to a maximum of 45 mins or as may be decided by Management to ensure the safety of all Users.

5) Amendments

Management reserves the right to amend the Protocol as and when required in case of a “Force Majeure”, depending on its severity.

6) Communication

- a) The subsequent amendments to the operating hours shall be communicated to all Auctioneers through the President of the Auctioneers' Association.
The Auctioneers are requested to transmit the information to their clients (Suppliers and Buyers).
- b) The Protocol shall be published in our website.

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