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Legal Update

In the wake of a possible Tropical Storm passing through Puerto Rico, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DACO) issued Order No. 2020-15 to freeze prices on basic necessity items that include, but is not limited to:

- Services for modification, repair, and installation of storm shutters
- Screws, nuts, nails, expansions, wood panels, rope, tensioners, and tools.
- Fuel, diesel, or propane gas power generators.
- Equipment parts, services for modification, repair and installation of power plants, gasoline, diesel, or propane gas.
- Water tanks.
- Equipment, parts, modification services, repair, and installation of water tanks.
- Portable gas equipment, parts and tanks.
- Tanks and storage containers, both water and fuel.
- Camping awnings and sheds.
- Power batteries and chargers.
- Candles and lanterns of all kinds.
- Matches and lighters (lighters).
- Mosquito Insecticides.
- Mosquito repellents of different shapes, including creams, citronella candles and/or aerosol.

Any other items or services a consumer may reasonably need to prepare or recover from an emergency should be considered covered.

Orders 2020-005, 2020-006 and 2020-011, originally issued to fix profit margins on liquid gas, fuels, bottled water, food, first aid kits, hygiene, and disinfection products during the COVID-19 pandemic shall remain in force.

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