



President

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Executive Order
Proclamation
Declaring a State of Economic Emergency

WHEREAS, the conflict in the Middle East has resulted in, and is expected to continue causing, increases in global fuel prices;

WHEREAS, the increase in fuel prices will consequently affect the cost of all other commodities imported into the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands relies heavily on imported goods, including food, fuel, building materials, and other essential needs;

WHEREAS, the livelihoods of the people of the Marshall Islands are at risk, and immediate action is required to mitigate the impending threat of negative economic impacts;

NOW THEREFORE, the Cabinet, at its meeting on March 26, 2026, do hereby approve this Executive Order.

BY THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER, the Cabinet has invoked its emergency powers under the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2023, and as such, I, Hilda C. Heine have heretofore, and on behalf of the Cabinet, signed and caused the issuance of this Executive Order to declare a state of economic emergency.

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER shall remain in effect until the expiry of 90 days from the date hereof, or unless extended by the Cabinet, or otherwise terminated by a Nitijela Resolution.

IT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED THAT:

- I.** The Cabinet shall suspend, in whole or part, the provisions of any statute prescribing the procedures for the conduct of government business or the orders, rules, and regulations of any Government entity, if strict compliance thereto would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action.
- II.** The Recovery Coordination Committee (RCC), as a subcommittee of the National Disaster Council, is hereby established to conduct regular meetings and monitor the impacts of the fuel crisis. The composition of the RCC shall be as follows:
 - A. Chairman: Ministry of FBPS, Deputy/Assistant Secretary
 - B. Deputy Chair: NDMO Director
 - C. Members: One (1) representative each from MONRC, MOTCIT, MOCIA, MOPWIU, ONS, OCIT, NEA, and EPPSO



D. Advisors: MEC, Chamber of Commerce, MIMRA and other key offices or companies that the Chairman may appoint as needed.

** The RCC shall submit regular analytical reports and updates, including a response plan, to the National Disaster Council and Cabinet on a monthly basis or as required.*

- III. All relevant Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies shall work in unison to plan, coordinate, and implement a Cabinet approved Response Plan.
- IV. The Disaster Coordinator may undertake his responsibilities pursuant to Section 119(4)(b) of the Disaster Risk Management Act 2023.
- V. Other authorizations for the specific Roles and Responsibilities of Relevant Government Ministries, Agencies, and Offices shall be reinstated:
 - A. **All Government Ministries and Agencies**
 - i. Implement strict energy conservation measures (e.g., turning off non-essential electrical equipment and appliances);
 - ii. Reduce fuel issuance and limit government vehicle usage; and
 - iii. Suspend salary increments, new hires, and the procurement of new vehicles.
 - B. **Ministry of Finance, Banking and Postal Services**
 - i. Lead the Recovery Coordination Committee;
 - ii. Identify funding resources available to be allocated to this response;
 - iii. Coordinate with Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade on any external funding sources secured or identified; and
 - iv. Provide a 90-day Cash Management Plan to the RCC.
 - C. **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
 - i. Engage with diplomatic partners and regional and international organizations to identify funding sources and resources;
 - ii. Monitor the global impact caused by the Middle East conflict; and
 - iii. Coordinate with the Ministry of Finance, Banking, and Postal Services as appropriate.
 - D. **Economic Policy, Planning, and Statistics Office**
 - i. Monitor market volatility and provide regular reports to the RCC and NDC;
 - ii. Analyze fuel prices and other imported commodities;
 - iii. Coordinate with the Price Monitoring Board to prevent price gouging across the RMI; and
 - iv. Provide recommendations to the RCC and NDC.
 - E. **Ministry of Transportation, Communications, and Information Technology**
 - i. Identify and report on vessels registered under the RMI flag operating in the Middle East;
 - ii. Provide advice on the Government's position regarding potential risks to RMI-flagged vessels; and



- iii. Recommend actions to minimize disruptions to maritime operations and the Ship Registry.

F. Marshall Islands Energy Company

- i. Provide analysis on fuel price fluctuations;
- ii. Report regularly on fuel stockpiles and consumption rates to the RCC and NDC; and
- iii. Explore alternative fuel suppliers in the event that the current sole-source supplier is unable to meet demand.

G. Office of the Chief Secretary

- i. Direct the National Disaster Council;
- ii. Provide updates and sound recommendations to the Cabinet for further determination and direction;
- iii. Assist the Ministry of Finance, Banking, and Postal Services and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in identifying potential funds and resources.
- iv. File this Executive Order and ensure its dissemination to the general public.

Given under my hand this 26th day of March 2026.


Hilda C. Heine
President