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### **Residents Urged to Watch for Price Gouging**

*October 17, 2013- Tamuning, Guam-* While recent weather reports indicate that Typhoon Francisco is expected to continue to move away from Guam, the tropical warning remains in effect at condition of readiness 3.

Island residents are advised to take note that under chapter 5 of the Guam Code Annotated, it is unfair trade practice for merchants or landlords to increase the price of any goods, services or dwelling rentals on the basis of shortage anticipated or caused by any disaster.

“I want to ensure that consumers are reminded of their protections and merchants are warned,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

If local consumers feel a merchant or landlord is in violation of the price gouging law, please file a complaint with Ms. Bernie Alvarez, consumer advocate for the Office of the Attorney General. She may be reached via email at [balvarez@guamag.org](mailto:balvarez@guamag.org)

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