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Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Food and Public Distribution
(Directorate of Sugar & Vegetable Oils)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dated 28th October, 2024

To,

CEOs/MDs of all Sugar Mills.

Subject :- Compliance of packaging of sugar in Jute Packaging material as per the provisions of Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Directorate's letters dated 22.07.2024 and Ministry of Textile's Notification dated 01.10.2024 on the above subject and to say that all the sugar manufacturers are required to comply with the directions regarding mandatory jute packaging of 20% of the total production of sugar, as notified by Ministry of Textile under Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987.

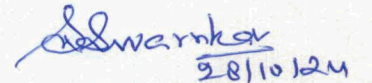
2. As you are aware that the interim order dated 05.09.2024 passed by Learned Single Judge, Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in W.P. No. 23927/2024 staying the Ministry of Textile's Notification dated 26.12.2023 and 28.06.2024, has been set aside by Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka vide order dated 26.09.2024 in W.A. No. 1405/2024.

3. Further, Ministry of Textile has issued an order bearing S.O. No. 4319(E) dated 01.10.2024 extending the mandatory packing of 20% of sugar in jute bags.

4. Keeping in view of the above, all the sugar mills are hereby directed to place their orders for procurement of jute bags for packing 20% of sugar produced in sugar season 2024-25 and ensure the compliance of Ministry of Textile's order dated 26.12.2023 and 01.10.2024 for mandatory packaging of 20% of the total production of sugar in the jute packaging material in letter and spirit. Further, all sugar mills are also directed to furnish the information of jute packaging in monthly P-2 from October-2024 onwards.

5. Non-compliance of the directions issued by this Directorate for Jute packaging of 20% of sugar produced during current sugar season 2024-25, will be viewed seriously and strict action will be taken against non-compliant sugar mills under the provisions of Sugar(Control) Order, 1966 read with Section 3 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Yours faithfully,


28/10/24

(Sunil Kumar Swarnkar)

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1. State Cane Commissioners to monitor the compliance.
2. ISMA/NFSCF with the request to advise their member sugar mills for strict compliance.