## No. 11/7/2022-(BP&E) Government of India Ministry of Consumer Affairs, F&PD Department of Food and Public Distribution Directorate of Sugar and Vegetable Oils

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 25.02.2025

To,

All Sugar Mills/Distilleries including standalone distilleries,

Subject: Clarification regarding Production of Ethanol from Sugarcane Juice/Syrup by standalone distilleries- reg.

Ref:-

1. This Department letter no. 4/1/2018-(BP&E)(Part) dated 13.01.2022.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 as amended vide notification dated 31.5.2021 wherein it was clarified that any standalone distillery proposing to produce ethanol from sugarcane juice by crushing sugarcane in its premises is required to follow the provisions of Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 including maintaining a distance of 15 Km from the neighbouring existing sugar mills or the distance higher than 15 kms fixed by the concerned State Governments.

- 2. In this context, it is clarified here that distilleries including standalone distilleries are allowed to produce ethanol from sugarcane juice/syrup purchased from sugar mills only (i.e. which are producing sugar from vacuum pan process) for supplying to OMCs under Ethanol Blended with Petrol programme. Distilleries/ standalone distilleries are not allowed to procure sugarcane juice/syrup from any jaggery unit to produce ethanol for supplying to OMCs under EBP programme as Jaggery units are not covered under the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966.
- 3. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (Sugar).

Yours faithfully,

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