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CO-OPERATION, FOOD AND CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

**Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs Order, 2016.**

[G.O.Ms. No.138, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (D1), 7th December 2016, கார்த்திகை 22, துன்புறுக்கி,  
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2047.]

No. II(1)/CFCP/15/2016.—The following Order of the Government of India Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs) New Delhi, dated the 29th September, 2016 is republished:-

**G.S.R. 929(E).** – In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955) and in supersession of the Removal of (Licensing requirements, Stock limits and Movement Restrictions) on specified Foodstuffs Order, 2002, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby makes the following order, namely:-

**1. Short title and commencement:—**

(1) This Order may be called the Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs Order, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force with effect from the 1st day of October, 2016.

**2. Definitions.—** In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "Act" means the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955);

(b) "Central Government" means the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs;

(c) "Dealer" means any person engaged in the business of purchase, movement, sale, supply, distribution or storage for any of the commodities specified in clause 3, whether as a wholesaler or retailer or producer or manufacturer or importer or exporter and whether or not in conjunction with any other business, and includes his representative or agent but does not include a producer or manufacturer or importer or exporter of sugar; and

(d) "State Government", in relation to a Union Territory, means the administrator thereof.

**3. Removal of licensing requirements, stock limits and movement restrictions on certain foodstuffs.—**

(1) Any dealer may freely buy, stock, sell, transport, distribute, dispose, acquire, use or consume, any quantity of wheat, wheat products (namely maida, rava, suji, atta, resultant atta and bran) paddy, rice, coarsegrains, sugar, gur, edible oilseeds, edible oils, pulses, hydrogenated vegetable oils or vanaspati, onions and potato and shall not require a permit or license therefor, under any order issued under the Act, save as otherwise provided under this clause.

(2) The provisions of sub-clause (1) shall, in respect of the purchase, movement, sale, supply, distribution or storage for sale of these commodities, not apply to-

(i) pulses, for a period upto 30th September, 2017;

(ii) sugar, for a period upto 21st November, 2016 in respect of the States of Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the Union Territory of Puducherry; and for a period upto 28th October, 2016 in respect of other States and Union Territories;

(iii) edible oils and edible oilseeds, for a period up to 30th September, 2017 except for the purposes of calculation of stock limits under the Act, in the following cases, namely:—

(a) an exporter, being a wholesaler or retailer or dealer, having Importer-Exporter Code Number issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, if such exporter is able to demonstrate that the whole or part of his stock in respect of edible oils and edible oilseeds are meant for exports, to the extent of the stock meant for export;

(b) a retailer having multiple outlets or large departmental retailers;

(c) stock essential to be used as raw materials by licensed food processors for manufacture of food products;

(d) an importer, being a wholesaler or retailer or dealer, if such importer is able to demonstrate that part of his stock in respect of edible oils and edible oilseeds are sourced from imports:

Provided that the Central Government or the State Government may direct the importers to declare the receipts of stocks of edible oils and edible oilseeds and stocks retained by them.

(3) Nothing contained in sub-clause (2) shall affect the transport, distribution or disposal of sugar, edible oils and edible oilseeds to places outside the State.

**4. Effect of this order in certain cases.**— The provisions of this Order shall have effect notwithstanding any order issued by the State Government under the powers delegated to it *vide* notification of the Government of India in the then Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Food) number G.S.R.800, dated the 17th June, 1978 and the State Government shall obtain prior approval of the Central Government for issuing of any order for the purpose of regulating by licenses, permit or otherwise, the storage, transport, distribution, disposal, acquisition, use or consumption of any of the commodities specified in clause 3;

Provided that nothing contained in this Order shall affect the operation of-

(i) the Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001 issued by the Central Government or any order of the State Government issued in pursuance thereof;

(ii) the orders for levy from the millers or traders of paddy or rice issued by the State Government for the purposes of procurement of rice, in pursuance of the powers delegated to it by the Central Government under Section 3 of the Act.

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