OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Continued availability of hand sanitizer in the market - regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Department of Consumer Affairs notification dated 19th March 2020 for inclusion of raw material(s) for manufacture of hand sanitizer as essential commodity and notification dated 21st March, 2020 (copies enclosed) for fixing the retail prices of hand sanitizer.

2. Both these notifications are in force till 30th June, 2020. As the lockdown conditions have been relaxed, it is expected that the demand for hand sanitizer may further increase in the near future and its continued availability is of paramount importance. Keeping in view the role of hand sanitizer in the fight against the pandemic and in order to ensure its availability at affordable rates, it is requested that validity of both the notifications, in respect of hand sanitizer, may be further extended till 31st December, 2020.

3. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: As above

To

Department of Consumer Affairs
(Kind attention: Shri A.K. Chaudhary, Econ. Adviser)
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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(Department of Consumer Affairs)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 19th March, 2020

S.O. 1169(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 2A and section 3, of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government, hereby makes the following Order, to regulate the production, quality, distribution, prices and other aspects of alcohols used in manufacturing the Hand Sanitizers for preventing infections due to virus and bacteria, namely:—

1. (1) This order may be called the ingredients and prices of the ingredients as raw materials of Essential Commodities Order, 2020.

   (2) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. (1) In the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the raw material used in manufacturing as essential commodity shall be treated as essential commodity.

   (2) The prices of the alcohols used in manufacturing the hand sanitizers shall not exceed from those prevailing on 05.03.2020 without concurrence of the Central Government.

3. This Notification shall remain in force for a period up to 30th June, 2020 from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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(Department of Consumer Affairs)

NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 31 March, 2020

S.O. ................. - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 2A and section 3, of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government, hereby makes the following Order, to regulate the prices of masks (2ply & 3ply), the Melt Blown Non-Woven Fabric used as raw material in production of masks, masks (2ply & 3ply) and hand sanitizers for preventing infections due to COVID-19 virus namely:

1. (1) This order may be called the Fixation of prices of masks (2ply & 3ply), Melt Blown Non-Woven Fabric and hand sanitizers Order, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. (1) The retail prices of Melt Blown non-Woven Fabric used in manufacturing masks (2ply & 3ply), shall not be more than the prices prevailing on the day one month prior to 13 03 2020 i.e. the prices prevailing on 12 02 2020.

(2) The retail prices of masks (3ply surgical mask), shall not be more than the prices prevailing on the day one month prior to 13 03 2020 i.e. as on 12 02 2020 or not more than Rs. 10 per piece whichever is lower and that of mask (2ply) shall not be more than Rs. 6 per piece.

(3) The retail prices of hand sanitizer shall not be more than Rs. 100/- per bottle of 200ml the prices of other quantities of hand sanitizers shall be fixed in the proportion of these prices.

3. This Notification shall remain in force for a period upto 30th June, 2020 from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

(F.S.36/1/2020-EC&CE)

(A.K. Choudhary)
Economic Adviser