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**No. 1(2)/2020-SP-I
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 16th June, 2020

To

The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators
(All State Governments/ UT Administrations).

Subject:- To enhance production of hand sanitizer and to ensure its availability to the consumers in view of Covid-19 outbreak.

Madam/ Sir,

Kindly refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 21.3.2020 (copy enclosed) requesting therewith the State Governments/ UT Administrations to take appropriate measures to ensure the adequate availability of Ethyl Alcohol/ Ethanol/ ENA to the manufacturers of hand sanitizer, an essential material in the fight against Corona virus/ Covid 19.

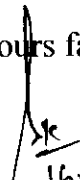
2. Responding to the request of this Department and keeping in view the vital role of hand sanitizer in the fight against Covid-19, most of the State Governments/ UT Administrations issued necessary licences to distilleries/ other units for production of hand sanitizer. Due to the sustained efforts of State Governments/ UT Administrations, the production capacity of hand sanitizer could be enhanced to around 30 lakh litre per day; and more than 300 lakh litre of hand sanitizer could be produced till date.

3. It has come to the notice of this Department that most of the licences were issued for a very short period of time and are going to expire by 30th June, 2020.

4. As the economy is gradually opening up, the demand for hand sanitizer is expected to continue to grow in the near future both for domestic as well as international market. Keeping in view the role of hand sanitizer in this long and arduous fight against the pandemic, you are requested to issue necessary directions to the Drug Controllers/ Competent Authorities in your State to extend the necessary permissions to distilleries/ other units manufacturing hand-sanitizer for a further period of six months beyond June, 2020 till December 31, 2020.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.


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1. Principal Secretaries of Cane/ Excise/ Industries/ Health Departments of States.
2. Drug Controllers of the State Governments.
3. Indian Sugar Mills Association.
4. All India Distillery Association.
5. Association of Indian Medical Device Industry.

Copy also to:

Central Nodal Officers to the States for management of Novel Corona Virus (COVID 19).

Copy for information to:

1. Secretary, D/o Food & Public Distribution
2. Secretary, D/o Consumer Affairs
3. Secretary, M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas
4. Secretary, M/o Health & Family Welfare
5. Secretary, D/o Pharmaceuticals
6. Joint Secretary (Ms. Anuradha Thakur), Cabinet Secretariat.
7. Prime Minister's Office (Shri Shrikar Pardeshi, Joint Secy.)


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