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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: 24th April, 2023

To,

CEOs/MDs of all Sugar Mills.

Subject:- Compliance of Packaging of Sugar in jute packaging material as per provision of jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in Packaging use in packaging commodities) Act, 1987 and submission of monthly return by sugar mills on packaging of sugar in jute packaging material by sugar mills.

Sir/Madam,

2. It is informed that the Central Government has issued orders under the provision of Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in Packaging use in packaging commodities) Act, 1987 specifying the percentage of commodities to be packed mandatorily in the jute Packaging material. As per the recent decision, 20% of the total production of Sugar is to be mandatorily packed in the jute packaging material under the provision of the JPM Act, 1987.

3. The Central Government in the exercise of powers conferred by Section 13 of the RPM Act, 1987 has delegated the powers to the officers vide notification S.O. 14 'g5 (E) dated 10th May, 2011 where by powers related to sugar across the country have been delegated to the Director (Sugar).

4. Since, the implementation of the provision of the JPM Act, 1987 in respect of Sugar is being reviewed at the highest level of Government, therefore, it has been decided that Sugar Mills shall ensure the implementation of provision of JPM Act and to strictly adhere to 20% packaging of Sugar in jute Packaging material.

5. Further, following may be kept out of the purview of reservation under the this JPM Act, 1987 namely:-

- a. sugar fortified with vitamins;
- b. packaging for export of commodities
- c. small consumer packs of ten kilograms and below for foodgrains and twenty-five kilograms and below for sugar;
- d. bulk packaging of more than one hundred kilograms; and
- e. sugar packed for export but which could not be exported on the basis of an assessment and recommendation by the Department of Food and Public Distribution.

6. In view of the above, all sugar mills are therefore, advised for strict compliance of 20% of the total production of Sugar is to be mandatorily packed in the jute packaging material under the provision of the JPM Act, 1987.

Yours faithfully,

Sangeet
24/11/2023

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Director (Sugar)

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Copy to:

1. Principal Secretaries (Sugar and Sugarcane Development)/Cooperation of sugar producing States.
2. Cane Commissioners of sugar producing States. **{It is requested to issue necessary instructions to the field officers in the States for strict compliance of 20% of the total production of Sugar is to be mandatorily packed in the jute packaging material under the provision of the JPM Act, 1987 }**
3. Jute Commissioner, Kolkata
4. ISMA/NFSCF with the request to advise their member sugar mills for strict compliance.