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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 22nd May, 2024

To,

CEOs/MDs of all Sugar Mills.

Subject :- Compliance of packaging of sugar in Jute Packaging material as per the provisions of Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Directorate's letters dated 16.01.2024, 08.01.2023 and 21.12.2023 on the subject cited above and to say that all the sugar manufacturers are required to comply with the directions regarding mandatory jute packaging of 20% of the total production of sugar, as notified by Ministry of Textile under Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987.

2. During the current sugar season 2023-24, it has been noticed that the directions issued by this Directorate for mandatory packaging of 20% of the total production of sugar in the jute packaging material have not been complied in letter and spirit and only 7% of sugar produced during the season has been packed in jute bags.

3. Jute Commissioner informed that 33 Jute Mills having BIS license are operational as on 17.05.2024. The detail of such jute mills is annexed for ready reference.

4. All the sugar mills are hereby directed to assess their requirements for jute bags based on the sugar produced during Sugar Season 2023-24 and take necessary steps for procurement of jute bags before the commencement of next sugar season 2024-25. It is also directed that sugar mills should package the sugar produced during the month of October-December-2024 in Jute bags first, upto 20% of sugar produced during Sugar Season 2023-24 and then use other packaging material.

5. Non-compliance of the directions issued by this Directorate for Jute packaging of 20% of sugar produced during current sugar season 2024-25, will be viewed seriously and no monthly release quota from January-2025 onwards to the sugar mills to the non-complaint sugar mills.

Yours faithfully,



(Sunil Kumar Swarnkar)

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Copy to:

1. Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Sugar and Sugarcane Development) /Cooperation of sugar producing States.
2. Cane Commissioners of sugar producing States.
3. ISMA/NFSCF with the request to advise their member sugar mills for strict compliance.