

No. F. 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 the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

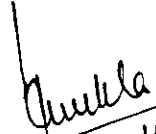
Subject: Continued availability of hand sanitizer in the market - regarding.

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

2. Both these notifications are in force till 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.

3. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: As above

  
(Vivek Shukla)  
Director (SP)  
Tel.23383760  
16.06.2020

To

Department of Consumer Affairs  
(Kind attention: Shri A.K. Chaudhary, Econ. Adviser)  
Krishi Bhawan,  
New Delhi.

**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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A. K. CHOUDHARY, Economic Adviser



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**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
(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.8 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 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

(F.S-28/1/2020-EC/BE)

  
(A.K. Chaudhary)

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**URGENT**

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020

To

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

Madam/ Sir,


Kindly refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 16.06.2020 (copy enclosed) wherein it was requested to take appropriate measures to ensure the adequate availability of Ethyl Alcohol/ Ethanol/ ENA to the manufacturers of hand sanitizer.

2. Responding to the request of this Department, most of the State Governments/ UT Administrations issued necessary licences to distilleries/ other units for production of hand sanitizer. Due to these efforts, the production capacity of hand sanitizer could be enhanced to around 30 lakh litre per day and more than 4.2 crore litre of hand sanitizer could be produced. Also the export of hand sanitizer has been allowed and now India is exporting sanitizer to other countries.

3. However, you will also appreciate that the Covid pandemic is not over yet and the role of hand sanitizer will continue to be important in fight against Covid. To ensure sufficient availability of hand sanitizer at reasonable price in the domestic market, you are kindly 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 one more year beyond 31.12.2020 i.e. till 31.12.2021 .

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,



31-12-20

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Joint Secretary (Sugar & Admn.)  
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**Copy to:**


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

**Copy also to:**

Central Nodal officers to the State 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 and Family Welfare
5. Secretary, D/o Pharmaceuticals.
6. Joint Secretary (Ms. Anuradha Thakur), Cabinet Secretariat.
7. Prime Minister's Office (Mr Naval Kishore Ram, Deputy Secy.)

  
(Subodh Kumar Singh)  
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