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Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Department of Food & Public Distribution  
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185-B, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001  
Dated: 16.02.2022

To

Pr. Secretary / Secretary,  
Food & Civil Supplies Department,  
All States/UTs (under National Portability of NFSA ration cards)


Subject: Guideline for management of foodgrain supplies for distribution to inter-State/national portability beneficiaries under the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan – reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the objective of One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan is to enable the National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries, particularly migratory beneficiaries, to access their monthly foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS), anywhere in the country by using their existing/same ration cards with biometric/Aadhaar authentication on the electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) device.

2. Presently, the ONORC plan is enabled in 35 States/UTs covering nearly 77 Crore NFSA beneficiaries (96.8% NFSA population) in the country and during the last two years, it is seen that volume of inter-State portability transactions is increasing steadily in many parts of the country.
3. To smoothen the process, this Department vide letter of even number dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 already communicated that to meet up the demand of additional foodgrain for inter-State portability transactions, the States/UTs, if required, may lift advance foodgrains from FCI/Central Stocks, against own Central NFSA Allocation from the subsequent fourth distribution month. (Example- for portability distribution in March 2022, advance foodgrains from June 2022 allocation may be lifted), and similar mechanism may be adopted on month-to-month basis going forward.
4. The foodgrains distributed to other State/UTs' NFSA beneficiaries under ONORC are subjected to subsequent reconciliation between concerned States/UTs for adjustments/replenishment of each other's quota. On quarterly basis, this department is already carrying out reconciliation of foodgrains distributed under ONORC.
5. It has been noted that with the states/UTs, who joined recently in ONORC, there is lack of clarity with regard to mechanism of advance lifting. In view of the above, it is reiterated that the states/UTs may approach FCI / BP Division, D/oFPD for advance lifting of foodgrains as explained above for meeting additional demand of foodgrains to smoothly operate Inter-State portability transactions under ONORC. Copy of letter dated 03.06.2020 is also enclosed for ready reference.

Yours faithfully,

  
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R. No. 275, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

Dated:03/06/2020

To

**Pr. Secretary / Secretary,  
Food & Civil Supplies Department,  
All States/UTs (under National Portability of NFSA ration cards)**

**Subject: Supply Chain Management for National Portability under 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that, the objective of "One Nation One Ration Card" plan is to, firstly, provide an option to the NFSA beneficiaries that if they desire, they can access their food security entitlements (foodgrains) anywhere in the country; secondly, to enable them to lift their foodgrains from any FPS of their choice. It is envisaged that the volume of portability transactions may not be same/equivalent across all FPSs of the State/UT and may also not be consistent every month.

2. Initially, to start the national portability this Department had made the provision to lift an advance quantity of foodgrains up to 5% over and above of regular monthly allocation quantity under NFSA, subject to three-monthly settlement. However, it is observed that demand for advance foodgrains has been low, due to very few transactions under national portability.

3. Presently, One Nation One Ration Card is enabled in 20 States/UT and its rollout is steadily progressing in other States/UTs, and it is expected that with the support of awareness generation migratory beneficiaries of many States/UT may turn up for seeking the NFSA foodgrains benefit through portability. It is thus felt that there would be a continuous requirement of additional foodgrains to meet the demand of portability beneficiaries on a monthly basis. Therefore, States/UTs, if required, may lift advance foodgrains for national portability for a given distribution month against the regular central allocation for the consecutive fourth distribution month (*e.g. advance foodgrains for July portability may be lifted against October NFSA allocation*). Similar mechanism may be adopted on month to month basis.

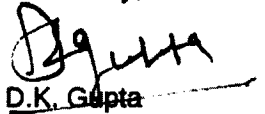
4. For the replenishment of foodgrains quota issued to beneficiaries of other States/UTs, a monthly reconciliation statement for adjustment of foodgrains among all concerned States/UTs shall be generated through an IT-system based process (developed by NIC HQ) at the central level on a monthly basis, suggesting the quantity of foodgrains to be received-from and/or given-to each of the other States/UTs in a transparent manner. The system generated statement shall be cross-verified by the central NIC team and CPMU to ensure correctness in the first week of every subsequent month and shall be endorsed by BP Division of this Department for communication to FCI, DCP States

and Policy Division of this Department for the purpose of settlement and adjustment under national portability.

5. At the end of financial year (i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> March), a final reconciliation statement shall be generated from the IT-system for annualised settlement/adjustment of foodgrains among all States/UTs in the first week of April and the adjustments, if any, shall reflect in May.

6. In view of above, it is requested that a Nodal Officer may be identified in each State/UT, NIC, FCI and DCP States, for coordination of all activities under national portability including supply chain management. Contact details of these Nodal Officers may please be shared with this Department at the earliest. In this regard, Sh. Pankaj Mishra (Pr. Consultant, CPMU) and Sh. Ashok Kumar, Under Secretary, (Comp.) may be contacted at 9971152087 and 9968094684 respectively.

Yours faithfully,



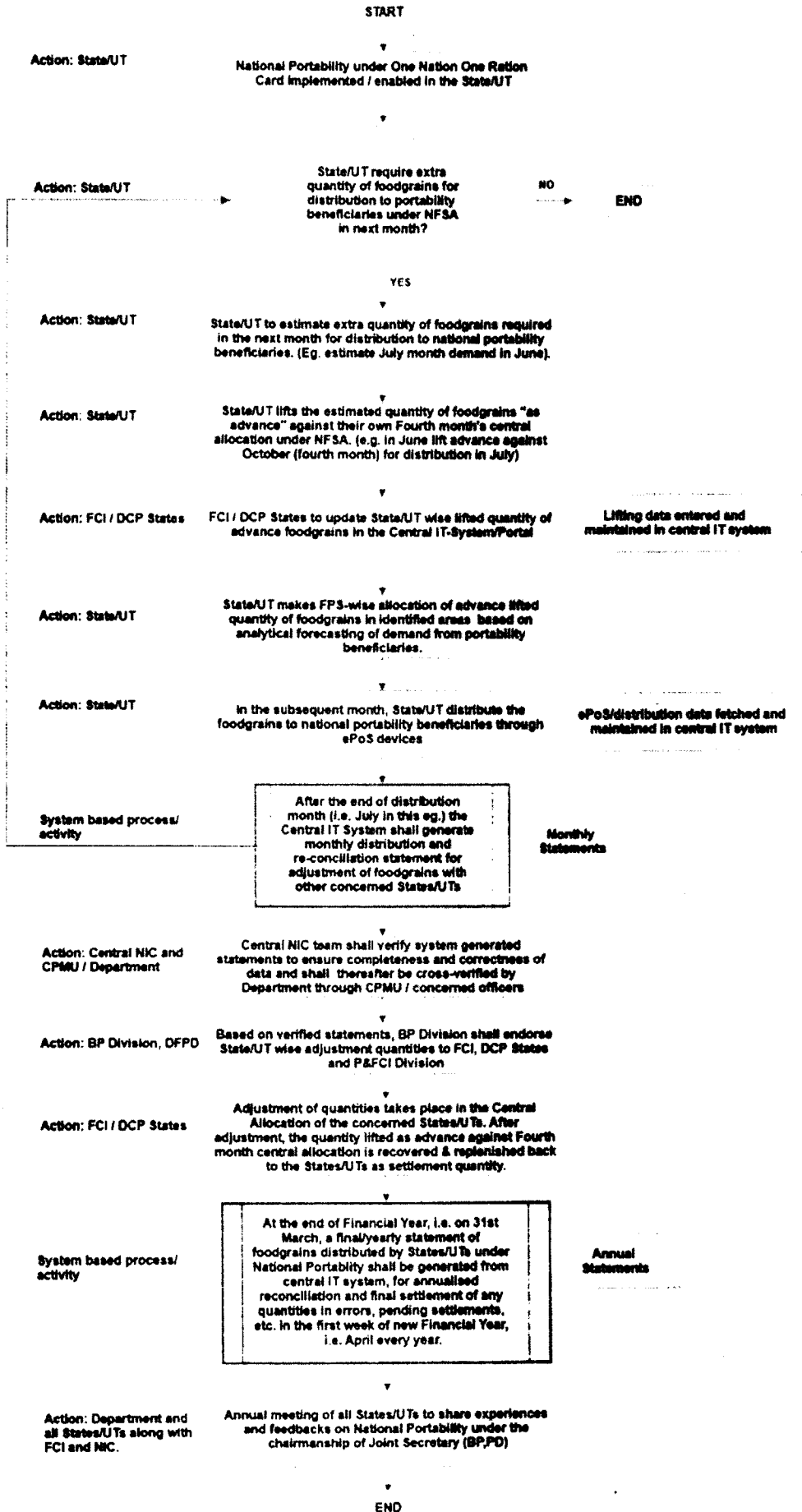
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Process for lifting and settlement of advance quantity of foodgrains for national portability under One Nation One Ration Card plan:



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