

Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Department of Food & Public Distribution

185-B, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001

Dated: 12-07-2022

To,  
Pr. Secretary/ Secretary,  
Food & Civil Supplies Department,  
**All States/UTs**

**Subject: Ensuring seamless portability in all the states/UTs– reg.**

Madam/Sir,

As you are kindly aware, One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan has been enabled in all the States/UTs covering entire NFSA population of around 80 crore. During the last two years, it is seen that volume of portability transactions is increasing steadily showing its wide acceptability and efficacious. Since inception of ONORC plan in August 2019, more than **75 Crore** portability transactions have been recorded in the country. More than 3 crore portable transactions are being recorded every month, out of which around 3 lakh Inter-State portability transactions are being recorded every month.

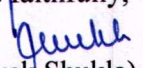
2. Though many States/UTs are making continuous efforts to make ONORC transactions smooth for beneficiaries but it has also been observed that Inter-State portability transactions are not happening seamlessly in few States/UTs due to various reasons like mismatch in distribution cycle in home/sale state, limited availability of foodgrains for portability transactions, other technical challenges, logistic issues etc. It may kindly be noted that NFSA beneficiaries should not be denied foodgrains under ONORC plan due to these technical issues.

3. To smoothen the process of inter-state ONORC transactions, it is kindly requested that necessary instructions may be issued to State NIC team/technical partner for ensuring inter-state portability transactions throughout the month, irrespective of distribution cycle of Home State/Sale State or any other technical issue. Here it is conveyed that reconciliation of distributed quantity under ONORC will be properly done by DFPD/NIC-HQ considering any varying cycle of NFSA/PMGKAY in Home-State/Sale-State.

4. It has also been observed that there is lack of clarity with regard to mechanism of advance lifting of foodgrains by States/UTs. It is reiterated that States/UTs may approach FCI/BP division, D/o FPD for advance lifting of foodgrains for meeting additional demand of foodgrains to smoothly operate Inter-State portability transactions under ONORC. Copy of letter dated 03.06.2020 is enclosed for ready reference.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Vivek Shukla)  
Director (PD)

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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.

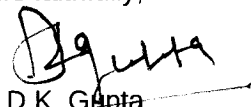
4. **For the replenishment of foodgrains quota issued to beneficiaries of other States/UTs, a monthly reconciliation statement for adjustment of foodgrains among all concerned States/UTs shall be generated through an IT-system based process (developed by NIC HQ) at the central level on a monthly basis, 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,



D.K. Gupta

Director (PD)

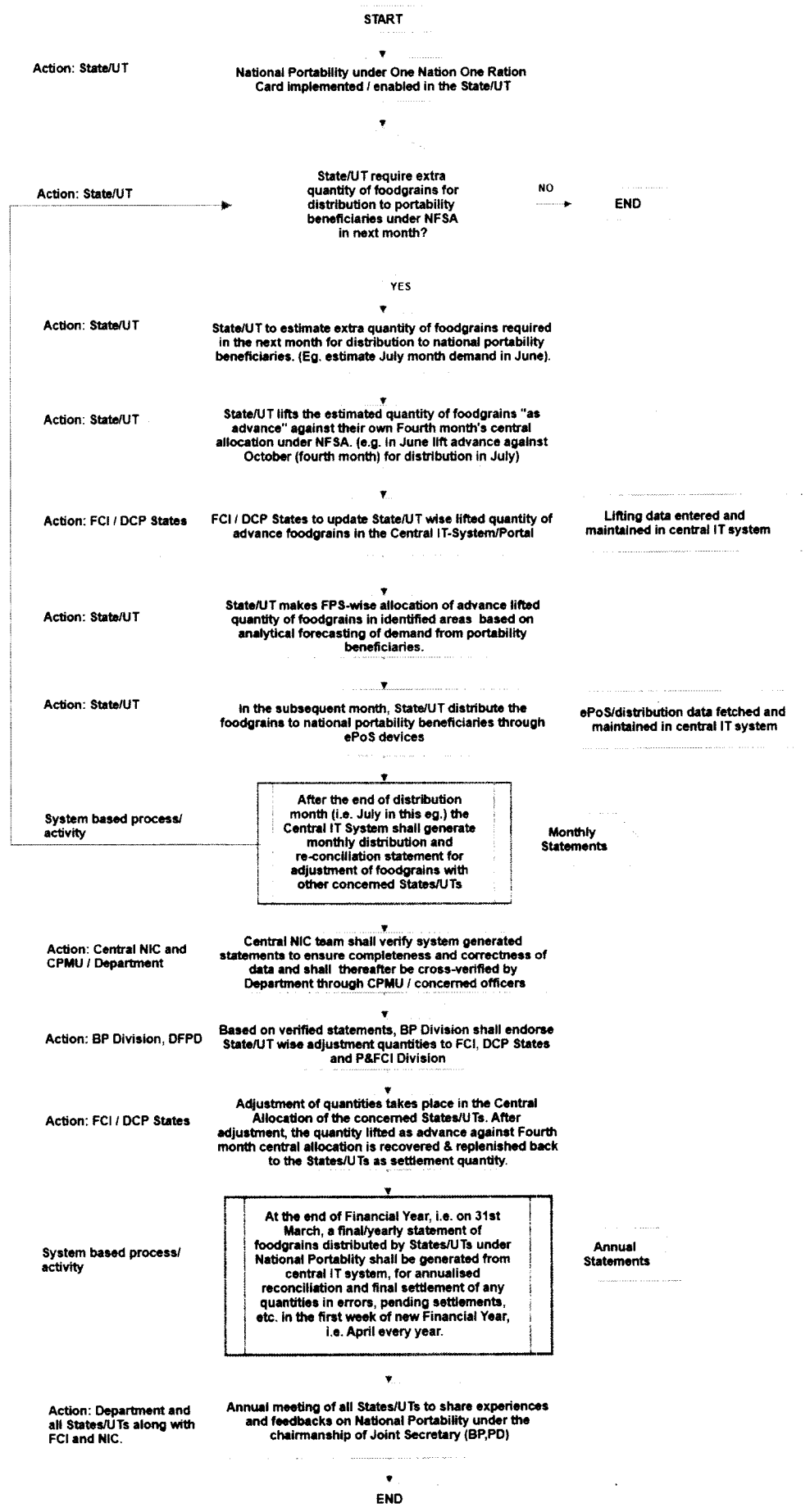
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**Process for lifting and settlement of advance quantity of foodgrains for national portability under One Nation One Ration Card plan:**



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