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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Food and Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
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To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary
Food and Civil Supplies Department,
Government/Administration of – All States/UTs

Subject:-Renewal of licences to FPS dealers under TPDS (C) Order, 2015-reg.

Madam/Sir,

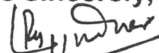
You are aware that Section-3 of the 'Essential Commodities Act, 1955' (10 of 1955) empowers the Central Government to issue orders for control, production, supply, distribution, etc. of the essential commodities. Accordingly, Government of India have issued TPDS (C) Order, 2015 for maintaining supplies, licensing and regulation of Fair Price Shops (FPSs). Para 9 of the TPDS(C) Order 2015 also provides that the State Government shall issue an order under section 3 of the Act, but not inconsistent with this Order, for licensing and regulation of FPSs. Accordingly, various State Governments have issued their Control Orders for licensing and regulation of FPSs.

2. With a view to facilitate general ease of doing business, and to make it convenient for small traders, including FPS dealers to conduct their business, it is essential that the system of licensing does not become an impediment. Towards this end, regular requirement for renewal of licenses may not be necessary. It is further felt that it would be desirable that licenses for FPSs do not require to be renewed earlier than five years. In any case, the power to suspend/cancel license can always be exercised to take action in case of errant FPSs.

3. In view of the above, all States/UTs are therefore advised to take necessary action to amend their respective Control Orders to ensure that the validity of licenses issued to the FPS owners shall not be less than 5 years.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,


(R.K.Girdhar)

Deputy Secretary[PD]

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