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Government of India

Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated: 21st February, 2005.

To

All State Secretaries
Department of Women & Child Development.

Subject: Guidelines for extension of validity period in respect of
foodgrains released under Wheat Based Nutrition
Programme (WBNP)

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy Department of Food
& Public Distribution's letter No.1-2/2004-BPII dated 03.02.2005 on
the above-mentioned subject for information & compliance.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
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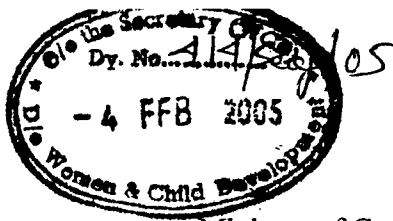
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No. 1-2/2004-BP-II
Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
(Department of Food & Public Distribution)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated 3rd February, 2005

To,
The Secretaries,
Department of Food & Civil Supplies of all States/ UTs.

Subject: Guidelines for extension of validity period in respect of food based welfare schemes.

Sir,

Sometimes State Governments/Union Territories are unable to lift the allocated quantity of foodgrains (wheat & rice) under various food based welfare schemes viz Mid - Day Meal (MDM), Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP), Nutritional Programme for Adolescent Girls(NPAG), Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Special Component of SGRY, Annapurna Anna Yojana, SC/ST/OBC Hostels/Welfare Institutions, Emergency Feeding Programme (EFP), Grain Bank, etc. within the stipulated time period due to various reasons like non-availability of foodgrains in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI), delay in release of funds for implementation of various schemes, natural calamities, etc. Therefore with a view to enable State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) to lift entire quantity of foodgrains (wheat & rice) allocated under various food based welfare schemes, following guidelines have been framed for extension of validity period of aforementioned food based welfare schemes:

- (i) District Manager concerned of FCI will be competent to extend the validity period upto 15 (fifteen) days for which payment has been made by the State Governments/ UT Administrations subject to the condition that the non-lifting was due to non-availability of foodgrains in the designated godowns/depots of FCI or due to some other administrative problems of FCI.
- (ii) Any request for extension of validity period upto three months(including 15 days, if any, granted by DM, FCI as mentioned above) from the date of expiry of initial validity period should be referred to this Ministry in respect of schemes for which State-UT-wise

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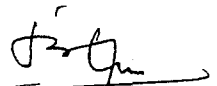
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allocation of foodgrains is made by the Department of Food & Public Distribution and to the concerned nodal Ministry/Department in respect of schemes for which State-UT-wise allocation of foodgrains is made by them. All such requests should invariably contain justification/reasons for non-lifting of foodgrains within the stipulated time. Joint Secretary of the concerned Administrative Division may grant extension on merits without reference to the IFD.

(iii) All other cases where extension is sought beyond three months from the date of expiry of initial validity period will normally be not allowed. However, in the extreme circumstances like floods, earthquake, etc., these cases may be sanctioned by the Secretary of the concerned Department in consultation of IFD.

2. Nodal Ministries/Departments implementing/monitoring various food-based welfare schemes and are issuing sanction letter for release of foodgrains directly to FCI are requested to consider the request for extension of validity period as mentioned above

3. If necessary, review of the aforementioned guidelines would be undertaken after two years from the date of issue of these guidelines.



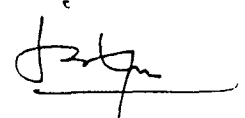
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Copy to:

1. Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Department of Elementary Education & Literacy, Department of Women & Child Development.
2. The Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, 16-20, Barakhamba Nane, New Delhi.
3. All SRMs (FCI) with a request to bring these instructions to the notice of District Managers of FCI for compliance.
4. Director (FCI)/Director(Finance)/Director(Movement)/Director(Policy), Department of Food & F.D.
5. Senior PPS to Secretary (F&PD)
6. PS to AS&FA (F&PD)
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