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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

To

1. The Secretaries/Commissioners, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs of all State Governments/UT Administrations.
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, New Delhi.

**Sub: Streamlining of procedure regarding depositing of funds and lifting of foodgrains allocated to States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)– regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that as per the existing instructions/guidelines, validity period for lifting of monthly TPDS allocation is 50 days for each allocation month separately, starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month preceding the allocation month and ending on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the allocation month. In view of the National Food Security Act, 2013 which provides a legal right to targeted beneficiaries to receive their monthly entitlement on time, this arrangement is not tenable.

2. Therefore, the issue of deposit of funds and lifting of foodgrains allocated to State Governments/UT Administrations under TPDS have been reviewed. Accordingly, in supersession of earlier instructions/guidelines issued by this Department from time to time, the revised instructions/guidelines on validity of lifting and deposit of cost of TPDS foodgrains applicable for the allocation of September 2014 onwards will be as under:

- (i) The State/UT Governments shall ensure the lifting of foodgrains from FCI by the last day of the month preceding the allocation month.
- (ii) The cost of foodgrains shall be deposited with the FCI so much in advance that the lifting is completed by end of the previous month.
- (iii) In DCP States also, the lifting from State Godown should be completed by the last of the month preceding the allocation month.

3. The State/UT Governments are requested to bring the above guidelines to the notice of all concerned State/UT authorities/ nominated agencies for strict compliance. FCI may also bring the above guidelines to the notice of all its Zonal and Regional offices in the country and its other concerned officers for information and compliance.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Saxena)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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