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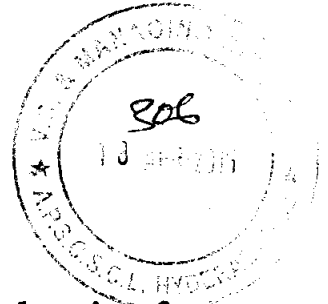
Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhavan

New Delhi, the 6th April, 2015



To

Shri. Dipankar Mahto
Dy. Jute Commissioner
CGO Complex, 3rd MSO Building,
4th Floor, Sector-I, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata -700064

Subject: Review of requirements of gunny bales and advance planning for packaging material for RMS 2015-16- regd.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No.Jute(Mktg)/93/2010 dated 30/03/2015 regarding use of blue strips in the middle of jute bags.

2. In this regard, it is clarified that the bags which have already been manufactured with blue strips, may be supplied to the respective States/procuring agencies and there shall not be any rejection of bags, on the basis of Blue Strip, by States/procuring Agencies/DGS&D.

3. However, further manufacturing of the jute bags may be done without the Blue Strip as per DGS&D Circular no.KOL/DQA/BTB/SUPPLY POSITION dated 16/03/2015 (Copy Enclosed).

Yours Sincerely,

(Manoj Kumar Gupta)
Director (PY-III)

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1. Secretary (Food), All the States of India
2. Director (QA), DGS&D.
3. NIC for uploading this letter on the website of Department.

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Date: 20.04.2015

copy communicated to all the JCEOs and DMs of APSCSL for necessary action.

To
All the JCEOs and DMs of APSCSL



for JCEOs Managing Director
(PTO)

Sir

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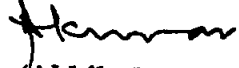
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As of now, jute bags are being supplied with single blue strip at the centre of the bag. The provision of single blue strip at the centre of the bag is not mandatory as per the governing specification. It is found that any dye causes reduction in the strength of the dyed yarn. These dyed yarns also contain high moisture which causes growth of the mildew at the middle portion of the bag. These dyes are not food grade, as such foodgrains may get contaminated due to direct contact, causing thereby adverse effect on human consumption. Due to application of blue dyes during manufacturing of the bags in the jute mills, corrosion occurs rapidly on the machines which need repairs often. Elimination of dyes will also reduce the water pollution in addition to direct saving of dye cost.

The above issue had been discussed with various stake holders in the past and recently this issue was also discussed in the meeting held on 02.03.2015 in Min. of Consumer Affairs, Deptt. of Food & Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, wherein it has been decided that the practice of using Blue Strip in the middle of the jute bags may be discontinued with immediate effect.

Accordingly all the jute mills are advised to discontinue the Blue Strips at the centre of the jute bags with immediate effect.


(Akhilesh Kumar)
 Director (Q.A.) Kolkata

Copy to :

1. All jute mills - for compliance.
2. The Jute Commissioner, 3rd MSO Bldg, CGO Complex, DF-Block, E&F Wing, 4th Floor, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 064- for information.

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