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No. 1(2)/2020-SP-I
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 31st December, 2020

To

The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators
(All State Governments/ UT Administrations).

Madam/ Sir,

Kindly refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 16.06.2020 (copy enclosed) wherein it was requested to take appropriate measures to ensure the adequate availability of Ethyl Alcohol/ Ethanol/ ENA to the manufacturers of hand sanitizer.

2. Responding to the request of this Department, most of the State Governments/ UT Administrations issued necessary licences to distilleries/ other units for production of hand sanitizer. Due to these efforts, the production capacity of hand sanitizer could be enhanced to around 30 lakh litre per day and more than 4.2 crore litre of hand sanitizer could be produced. Also the export of hand sanitizer has been allowed and now India is exporting sanitizer to other countries.

3. However, you will also appreciate that the Covid pandemic is not over yet and the role of hand sanitizer will continue to be important in fight against Covid. To ensure sufficient availability of hand sanitizer at reasonable price in the domestic market, you are kindly requested to issue necessary directions to the Drug Controllers/ Competent Authorities in your State to extend the necessary permissions to distilleries/ other units manufacturing hand-sanitizer for one more year beyond 31.12.2020 i.e. till 31.12.2021 .

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,



31-12-20

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1. Principal Secretaries of Cane/ Excise/ Industries/ Health Departments of States.
2. Drug Controllers of the State Governments.
3. Indian Sugar Mills Associations.
4. All India Distillery Association.
5. Association of Indian Medical Device Industry.

Copy also to:

Central Nodal officers to the State for management of Novel Corona Virus (Covid 19)

Copy for Information to:

1. Secretary, D/o Food & Public Distribution.
2. Secretary, D/o Consumer Affairs.
3. Secretary, M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas.
4. Secretary, M/o Health and Family Welfare
5. Secretary, D/o Pharmaceuticals.
6. Joint Secretary (Ms. Anuradha Thakur), Cabinet Secretariat.
7. Prime Minister's Office (Mr Naval Kishore Ram, Deputy Secy.)


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