

From

Director, Food, Civil Supplies and
Consumer Affairs, Punjab.

To

1. All Deputy Director (F), Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs in the State of Punjab.
2. All District Controllers, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs in the State of Punjab.

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Subject: **Registration of Rice Mills and Enhancement of Capacity of Rice Mills.**

Please refer to the subject cited above.

2. The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab is working as Nodal Department on behalf of the State Procurement Agencies i.e., PUNGRAIN, MARKFED, PUNSUP & PSWC to procure paddy on the Minimum Support Price fixed by the Government of India. Every Year the State Government issues Custom Milling Policy before the commencement of the Kharif Marketing Season to get the paddy milled procured by the State Agencies for the Central Pool.

3. For the milling of paddy, the Rice Millers are provisionally registered at the first stage wherein their land details and identity information is checked. Thereafter, the miller undertakes the actual construction of the rice mill premises, its boundary wall and installation of machinery and submits proofs of necessary approvals, etc. on the basis of which the final approval of registration is issued. Similar process is followed for enhancement of capacity of rice mills i.e. both provisional and final stages are involved.

4. The clause 3 (a)(i) (B & C) of "The Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Paddy (Kharif 2019-20)", which relates to registration of Rice Mills, provides as follows:-

"3.REGISTRATION:-

b. Terms and Conditions for Registration and De Novo Registration of already registered persons:

(i) The person seeking registration shall :-

B. Ensure and undertake that there is no change to the name or title in which the person carries on operations or to the legal structure of the constitution of the person during the currency of custom milling season.

Provided that in case of death of the Owner/Partner/Director/ Member of Society etc., the Director shall be competent to consider a request for such change of Owner/Partner/Director/ member of society/trustee etc."

C. Ensure and undertake that there shall be no sale or transfer in any manner of the property or the right of use of the property of the mill premises or any pledge, hypothecation, use of the property as collateral or surety of any form or manner during the pendency of custom milling of paddy and its delivery to FCI."

5. Further, the clause 7 (b) of "The Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Paddy (Kharif 2019-20)" provides as follows:-

"7. EVENTS OF DEFAULT - No mill/miller shall be considered for provisional registration/final registration/ allocation to an agency or for allocation of paddy under this policy, if it has been declared as a defaulter in any of the previous years and/or is in breach /violation/ non-compliance of the following: -

c. If the miller in question has not milled the allotted paddy and/or has not delivered 100% rice due, on behalf of any of the procuring agency in previous year(s) and/or not deposited the acquisition cost of balance paddy/rice due with interest to the concerned agency, such a mill/miller shall be treated as defaulter."

6. In this regard, it has been decided to continue giving provisional permissions only for establishment of new rice mills as well as for enhancement of capacity of rice mills subject to the following riders:-

- 1) The installation of Dryer and Sortex shall be compulsory for both cases i.e. registration of new rice mill and capacity enhancement of rice mill so that the problem of high moisture content in CMR can be tackled. This would aid the pace of milling and would be in public interest.
- 2) The case for final permission would be submitted by the concerned DFSC to the office of DFS only after the concerned mill has completed its milling for the present season or has deposited the acquisition cost of balance paddy/rice due with interest to the concerned agency, after the completion of milling period allowed by the Government from time to time.

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- 3) For final permission, it is also clarified that its benefit i.e. paddy allocation on its basis would be done only from the ensuing milling season and not during the current ongoing season in both cases i.e. new registration and capacity enhancement.
- 4) The cases of change of title or constitution of the rice mill would not be covered under these instructions and would be taken up only after completion of milling/milling period (whichever is earlier) subject to condition no.2.
- 5) All the cases of provisional and final permission would only be processed through NIC portal regarding which a link shall be made available on the Department's Website permanently. The registration cases submitted by the millers would be checked by the DFSC, got actually verified by the field staff and then duly submitted to Head Office for approval. In this regard, General Manager (Finance), Pungrain, Head Office would update the NIC portal to include the module for miller registration so that we can continue with the miller registration through online mode only.



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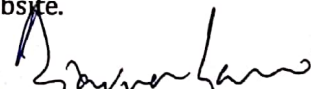
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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

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2. Private Secretary/Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.
3. Personal Assistant/Director, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab.
4. All Officers at Head Office, Chandigarh.
5. All Dealing Hands, Rice Branch, Head Office.
6. Sh. Parampal Singh, Inspector for updation of Departmental website.



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