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Shastri Bhavan,  
New Delhi, 06<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

To

Secretaries dealing with ICDS of all States/UTs.

Subject: Revised guidelines on extension of validity for depositing of cost and lifting of foodgrains to States/UTs under TPDS and other Welfare Schemes.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the revised guidelines issued by the Department of Food & Public Distribution vide their letter No.1-2/2007-BP III dated 27.06.2011 on the subject mentioned above for information and compliance.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Jatinder Kaur)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.  
Dated: 27th June 2011

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To

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection of all States and UTs
2. The Principal Secretary Food/Education/Women & Child Development/Tribal Affairs Departments (All State Governments /UT Administrations)
3. The Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development (WCD), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
5. Chairman-cum Managing Director, FCI, New Delhi

Subject: Revised Guidelines on Extension of validity for deposit of cost and lifting of food grains to States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to say that this Department has been receiving representations from State Governments for modification in the existing guidelines on grant of extension of validity period for deposit of cost and lifting of food grains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) & Other Welfare Schemes (OWS).

2. Accordingly, the existing guidelines on extension of validity period both for deposit of cost and lifting of allocations under TPDS and OWS have been reviewed in this Department. It has been decided that, in partial modification of this Department's guidelines regarding extension of validity period for deposit of cost and lifting of food grains laid down vide letter(s) No. 1-2-/2007-BP-III dated 21.2.2008 and No.(s) 1-2/2008-BP-II dated 18th July 2008, 11th August 2008 and 18th September 2008, regarding TPDS and OWS respectively, revised guidelines on extension of validity period under the TPDS and OWS would be as follows-

- (i) Extension of validity period both for deposit of cost and for lifting in respect of unlifted quantities of food grains against TPDS allocations of a particular month may be given by concerned General Manager of FCI upto 15 days from the prescribed last day of validity for lifting for the month.
- (ii) Extension of validity period may be given both for deposit of cost and for lifting in respect of unlifted quantities of food grains against OWS allocations of a particular month/quarter as the case may be, by concerned General Manager of FCI upto 15 days from the prescribed last day of validity for lifting for the month/quarter.
- (iii) Where necessary, further extension of validity of upto an additional 15 days beyond the extended validity given as per (i) and (ii) above, may be given by the respective Zonal Executive Director of FCI.
- (iv) All cases of extension of validity for deposit of cost and lifting of the allocations beyond 30 days from the last date of initial validity period for the month/quarter, as the case may be, shall be referred to the Department of Food & Public Distribution by the concerned State Government/UT Administration, along with adequate justification and reasons, for consideration in the Department.

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3. The above guidelines may be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance. FCI may bring the above revised guidelines to the notice of all its zonal Executive Directors/General Managers in all States/UTs for information and compliance.

4. It is, however, impressed upon States/UTs that as per existing instructions under TPDS and OWS, allocated food grains can be lifted from the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month prior to and 20<sup>th</sup> day of the allocation month and distributed during the allocation month. In the Conference of State Food Secretaries on Best Practices in TPDS held on 12-13 July 2010, it was resolved that States will ensure that quota of food grains for a particular month is available with each Fair Price Shop by the end of the previous month for timely distribution to the beneficiaries. This assurance was to be effective from October 2010. All State Governments/UT Administrations are, therefore, requested to undertake timely lifting of food grains and avoid lifting at the close of the initial validity period or seek extension of validity.

Yours faithfully

(M. Jayaraman)  
Deputy Secretary (BP)