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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
(Department of Consumer Affairs)**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of September, 2020 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith as Annexure to this letter, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of **September**, 2020 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information.


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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Monthly Summary for the month of September, 2020.

1. Important policy decisions taken during the month of September, 2020:

- 1.1 The Essential commodities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 has been replaced by the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 which has been notified on 27.09.2020.
- 1.2 In pursuance of Rule 8 of the Consumer Protection (Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission) Rules, 2020, the online portal <https://edaakhil.nic.in> has been launched on 07.09.2020 for electronic filing of consumer cases in NCDRC.
- 1.3 Advisory was issued to the State Governments for further extension of three months (upto 31st December, 2020) for verification and stamping of weights and measures due to the prevalent situation of COVID-19 during phased Reopening.
- 1.4 As per the request of the Empowered Group-3 for Covid-19, Certification of Coveralls for Covid-19 as per the Indian Standard IS 17423:2020 has been initiated. In addition emphasis was given for certification of FFP2 Masks, Eye protectors and Surgical masks as per IS 9473, IS 5983 and IS 16289 respectively giving relaxation on having in-house test facilities by allowing sub-contracting of test facilities for all requirements of the specification.
- 1.5 Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade had issued QCO for bringing toys under mandatory certification of Bureau of Indian Standards. In this regard, Licence on All India First Basis was granted by BIS on 31 Aug 2020.
- 1.6 Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Department of Heavy Industry has notified Automobile Wheel Rim Component (Quality Control) Order, 2020 on 21st September, 2020 as per Scheme-I of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulation, 2018.

2 Major achievement during the month

- 2.1 Under the extended Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana – II from July-Nov.2020, against the allocation of 9.70 Lakh MT pulses, 6.18 LMT whole chana was dispatched to States/UTs of which 5.65 LMT was received by them and 3.57 LMT has been distributed to the final beneficiaries as on date. The State of Telengana has not responded to requests for indicating delivery points, hence the distribution in that State is nil.

- 2.2 Further, w.r.t. provision of 1 Kg. of Whole Chana from Government buffer stocks per stranded migrant worker family not covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) or without ration card in the State/UT where they are stranded, under AtmaNirbhar Bharat package, by end of September, 2020, around 27008.41 MT (adjusted as per State/UTs request) whole chana was dispatched to States/UTs of which 26872.02 MT was received and 16640 MT distributed by them.
- 2.3 Stock of 2 LMT Tur procured under PSS by NAFED was transferred to PSF buffer against release of Rs. 1,160 crore to cash credit account of PSS.
- 2.4 1.0 LMT onion from Rabi 2020 crop has been procured under PSF, about 15,875 MT of onion was disposed off during the month to cool down prices of onion across the country.

3 Important Meeting held during the month:

- 3.1 Three Meetings of the CoS were held on 11.09.2020, 18.09.2020 and 25.09.2020 regarding "Review of Prices of Essential Commodities".
- 3.2 One IMC meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary (CA), was held during the month to Review the prices of essential commodities.
- 3.3 Under the Indo-German Working Group on Quality Infrastructure, the exchange between Department of Consumer Affairs, GOI, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs & Energy (BMWi) and the Bureau of Indian Standards was held on 2nd September, 2020. The topics and priorities discussed (including market surveillance/e-commerce, cyber security certification, etc.) will be taken into account in the planning and implementation of activities for the rest of 2020.
- 3.4 A review meeting was held by BIS on 10 September 2020 with Directors of IITs on "Integration of Standards in the Curriculum of Technical Education".