



Government of Haryana
Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

To

All the District Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Controllers
In the State of Haryana.

Memo No.FG-1-2020/Spl.1
Dated, Chandigarh, the 14.3.2020

Sub:- Declaration of Face Masks and hand sanitizers as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Reference on the subject cited above.

In a notification issued by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the Government has regulated the production, quality, distribution, logistics of masks (2ply and 3 ply surgical masks, N95 masks) and hand sanitizers for COVID 19 management.

Both masks (2-ply and 3-ply surgical masks, N95 masks) and hand sanitizers have been brought under Essential Commodities Act, 1955, which empowers the States to regulate the production, distribution, and prices of these items.

The Government has notified an order under the Essential Commodities Act to declare these items as essential commodities up to June 30, 2020, by amending the schedule of the Essential Commodities Act 1955.

In view of the above notification, the DFSCs are directed to ensure compliance of the above notification. As district head of Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology in their district, the DFSCs and their subordinate inspection staff shall visit Chemist shops, pharmacies, Drug wholesalers to

1. Check their stock of above-mentioned essential commodities. Hoarding and refusal to dispense (if stock is available) shall be reported and acted against.
2. Check if excessive price is being levied for Masks and hand sanitizers.
3. Check if supply to chemists from manufacturers has been reduced without any reason.

They shall ensure increased availability of both the items to the general people at reasonable prices below the maximum retail price.

The DFSCs shall carry out operations against speculators and those involved in black marketing and overpricing. Offenders may be punished with an imprisonment of 7 years or fine or both. The compliance of the orders shall be ensured and shall be monitored by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister. Copy of the Notification dated 13.3.2020 is attached.

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Additional Director(PDS)

for Director Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Haryana

Endst.No.FG-1-2020/ Spl.2

Dated, Chandigarh, the 14.3.2020

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please.

1. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State
2. All the Civil Surgeons in the State

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Additional Director(PDS)

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