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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**  
**Department of Food & Public Distribution**

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
March 19, 2020

To

1. Chief Secretaries,  
(All State Governments )
2. Administrators of all UT Administrations

Subject: To enhance production of hand sanitizers and to ensure its availability to the consumers.

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Sir / Madam,


A number of measures have been taken both by Government of India and the State Governments to contain Corona Virus / Covid 19. You are aware that in order to prevent the spread of Corona virus, sanitizers are used by the public, health workers etc.

2. The demand of sanitizers is increasing day by day and in order to maintain demand supply balance the State Government / UT Administrations are requested to take following actions immediately:

- (i) Necessary permissions on account of licensing and storage of Ethyl Alcohol/ Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA)/ Ethanol may be accorded by the State Government agencies to the sanitizer industries upto their installed capacity without any quota restriction on supply of Ethyl Alcohol/ENA.
- (ii) All possible arrangements should be made to ensure that Ethyl Alcohol/ENA is made easily available to the sanitizer industry. In this regard, Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) and All India Distilleries Association (AIDA) have also assured that the input material, i.e., Ethyl Alcohol / ENA / Ethanol would be made available to the producers of sanitizers at a reasonable price.
- (iii) The sanitizer industry operating in the States/ UT administrations should be motivated to run their units in all three shifts, so that they can utilize their installed capacity to produce maximum quantity of hand sanitizers. Sanitizer Industry should also be encouraged to enhance their production capacity; for which necessary permissions may be accorded by the States/ UT Administrations on priority basis.
- (iv) It has been brought to our notice by AIDA that their distillery members can also produce sanitizer in bulk, that can be bottled by the Sanitizer Industry and other Industries; for which necessary permissions, if required may be accorded by the States/ UT Administrations on priority basis.

3. This may be treated as "Most Urgent".

Yours faithfully,

  
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1. Principal Secretaries of Cane/ Excise/Industries Departments of States.
2. Indian Sugar Mills Association (Tel.No.011-26262294, 26262295, 26262296)
3. All India Distillery Association (Tel.No.011-26432743)
4. Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (Tel.No. 0129-4289000/4061151)

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2. Secretary, D/o Consumer Affairs
3. Secretary, M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas
4. Secretary, D/o Pharmaceuticals
5. Addl. Secretary (Shri A. Giridhar), Cabinet Secretariat

  
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