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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Department of Food & Supplies
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No. 4556-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-21/2024

Dated, Kolkata, the 12th September, 2025

NOTIFICATION

No. 4556-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-21/2024—Kolkata, the 12th September, 2025. —WHEREAS it has been considered necessary to amend the West Bengal Targeted Public Distribution System (Maintenance & Control) Order, 2024, as subsequently amended, (hereinafter referred to as the said Control Order), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by section 3 and Section 5 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Governor is pleased hereby to make, with an immediate effect, the following amendment in the said Control Order, namely: —

Amendments

In the said Control Order, —

(1) After Clause 14, *insert* the following Clause:—

"14A. In any case, before or after the issuance of offer letter/grant of license, if it is found that the approved candidate or Dealer, as the case may be, was ineligible for license on the following or other grounds such as.:

- i) The candidate has submitted false or fabricated documents regarding possession of land of proposed godown / office, financial eligibility or other criteria, or
- ii) Suppressed material facts regarding location of the godown / office, or eligibility or disqualification, or
- iii) Candidate is a relative of an existing licensee or otherwise ineligible or disqualified to apply for license, or
- iv) Godown infrastructure was not at par with the required criteria laid down in the vacancy notification, or

- v) By misrepresentation of facts for which the candidate afterwards found to be ineligible, as the case may be, the DLFSSC or the Director of Rationing in case of Kolkata, shall have the power to withdraw or cancel the recommendation in case of any of the aforesaid grounds. Notwithstanding anything contained, the Director shall have the power to revoke the approval granted on any of the aforesaid grounds and on communication of the same to the Licensing Authority, the Licensing Authority shall revoke the offer letter/license issued to the said candidate and the same shall be communicated by the Licensing Authority to the erring candidate or Dealer in writing.

Explanation: The word 'false documents' shall have the same meaning as enumerated in Section 336 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023."

- (2) After Clause 33, *insert* the following clause:

"33A. In any case, before or after the issuance of offer letter/ grant of license, if it is found that the approved candidate/ organization or Distributor, as the case may be, was ineligible for license on the following or other grounds viz.:

- i) The candidate has submitted false or fabricated documents regarding possession of land of proposed godown, financial eligibility or other criteria, or
- ii) Suppressed material facts regarding location of the godown, or eligibility or disqualification, or
- iii) Candidate is a relative of an existing licensee or otherwise ineligible or disqualified to apply for license, or
- iv) Godown infrastructure was not at par with the required criteria laid down in the vacancy notification, or
- v) By misrepresentation of facts for which the candidate afterwards found to be ineligible, as the case may be, the DLSC or the Director shall have the power to withdraw the recommendation in case of any of the aforesaid grounds. Notwithstanding anything contained, the Government in the Food & Supplies Department shall have the power to revoke the approval granted on any of the aforesaid grounds and on communication of the same to the Licensing Authority, the Licensing Authority shall revoke the offer letter/ license issued to the said candidate/organization and the same shall be communicated by the Licensing Authority to the erring candidate or Distributor in writing.

Explanation: The word 'false documents' shall have the same meaning as enumerated in Section 336 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023."

By order of the Governor,

PARWEZ AHMAD SIDDIQUI,
Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
Department of Food & Supplies

