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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Department of Food & Supplies
11A, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata-700087

NOTIFICATION

No. 1522-FS./Sectt/Food/4P-09/2012 – Kolkata, the 12th April, 2022. – **WHEREAS** it has been considered necessary to amend the West Bengal Urban Public Distribution System (Maintenance & Control) Order, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the said Control Order), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by section 3 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, in clause 17, –

(1) For sub-clause (a), *substitute* the following sub-clause :

"(a) When a new vacancy for a wholeseller is created, the Director of Rationing with the prior approval of the State Government shall declare such vacancy through notice and invite the applications to fill the vacancy in such Form, within such period, in such manner and on payment of such fees, as may be specified in the vacancy notice. If the applicant be individual(s), he/she/they should be permanent resident(s) of the sub-control where the vacancy occurs or of the adjacent sub-control or district where the proposed godown of dealership is situated. The vacancy notice shall be displayed in the office of the Director and concerned Deputy Director of Rationing and shall also be published on the official website of the Department. The Director shall simultaneously publish an indicative advertisement of the said vacancy for information to the General Public in atleast one Bengali newspaper and one English newspaper having State-wise circulation. Proposal for creating a wholeseller's vacancy shall be initiated by the Joint Director/Deputy Director in-charge of the concerned sub-control with due regard to the public interest and with adequate justification thereof.

(2) for sub-clauses (e) and (el), *substitute* the following sub-clauses: –

(e) Intending applicants must submit an application in the prescribed Form within the stipulated date along with such documents as may be specified in the vacancy notice. On receipt of the application, the

Director shall process the case and cause an enquiry by a team of Officers comprising of an officer of the Directorate not below the rank of Deputy Director of Rationing, an officer not below the rank of Assistant Director of Rationing, the concerned Deputy Director of Rationing and the concerned Rationing Officer to determine the suitability of candidature of the applicant and other infrastructure necessary for engagement of Wholeseller.

- (e1) On receipt of the enquiry report under sub-clause (e), the office of the Director shall place the matter before a Directorate Level Selection Committee headed by the Director and such other officers as may be nominated by the State Government for the purpose.
- (e2) The Directorate Level Selection Committee shall convene a meeting for selection of suitable candidate as a Wholeseller and communicate its recommendation to the State Government.
- (e3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (e), if the State Government deems it necessary in the exigency of public interest to expedite the process of engagement of Wholeseller, it may, by an order, take up under its control the engagement of the Wholeseller at any stage of processing of application and if necessary, cause the enquiry referred to in sub-clause (e) by the enquiry committee comprising of an officer or group of officers of the Department of Food & Supplies duly authorized in this behalf and the Deputy Director of Rationing of the respective sub-control and on receipt of the report under sub-clause (e) or this sub-clause, as the case may be, communicate its decision to the Director."

By Order of the Governor,

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