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**Department of Food and Supplies**  
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**Memorandum**

The Department of Food & Supplies, Government of West Bengal, vide its notification No. 1908-FS, dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and notification No. 1909-FS, dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022, has enhanced the security deposit against a license of Distributor/Wholesaler from Rs. 1,00,000/- to Rs. 5,00,000/- by way of amendment of relevant provisions of the two Control Orders, i.e. the West Bengal Public Distribution (Maintenance & Control) Order, 2013 and the West Bengal Urban Public Distribution (Maintenance & Control) Order, 2013, respectively.

Now a question has been raised from the different stake holders that whether the existing Distributor/Wholesaler, who have already deposited a security deposit of Rs. 1,00,000/-, have also require to deposit the prescribed security deposit of Rs. 5,00,000/- against his/her existing license-or not.

In this context, this is to be clarified that since the Security Deposit has been held against a license of Distributor/Wholesaler, every license holder, be it existing or new, shall have to deposit the said security deposit of Rs. 5,00,000/- in lieu of Rs. 1,00,000/-. However, the existing Distributor/Wholesaler need not have deposit the entire amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- but he shall make good for the security deposit of Rs. 5,00,000/- against his/her license by way of depositing an additional sum of Rs. 4,00,000/- on account of security deposit at the time of ensuing renewal.

  
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