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भारत सरकार
खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय
Secretary
Government of India
Ministry of Food Processing Industries

26th March 2020

Dear Chief Secretary,

I refer to the orders issued by Union Home Secretary dated 24 March and 25 March 2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and letter issued by Secretary, DPIIT, Government of India on 23 March 2020 regarding need for continued functioning of food industry and their suppliers (copy enclosed).

In continuation of the letter from Secretary, DPIIT, I am enclosing a list of essential food products and their inputs. Uninterrupted manufacturing of these food products is critical for maintaining supply chain and availability of food to the population. Availability of raw materials, packaging materials, movement of trucks carrying them, functioning of their warehouses and cold storages and ability of workers to come and work in the factories and warehouses needs to be ensured for maintaining food supply chain for the general population.

I request you to instruct District Collectors, Police and Transport officials to enable continued functioning of food products factories, movement of their products and inputs/raw materials and allowing workers to attend these factories.

You are also requested to nominate a Nodal Officer at the State level with whom our Ministry and industry could raise instances of supply chain disruptions for effective resolution on the field.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Suggested List of Food Products

For the purpose of understanding food, the definition of 'Food' as per Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, will apply. A list of some of the general food products is given below. This list is prepared only for example. Any other packaged and loose food articles would also be defined as Food Products.

- **Manufacturing, transport, distribution & retail of**
 - Fruits & Vegetables
 - Rice, wheat flour, other cereals and pulses
 - Sugar and salt, spices & masalas
 - Bakery & Dairy (Milk & Milk products)
 - Tea and Coffee
 - Eggs, Meat and Fish
 - Food Grains, Oil, Masala and Food Ingredients
 - Packaged food & Beverages
 - Health supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use (FSDU) and Food for Special Medical Purpose (FSMP)
 - Infant/Baby food
 - Animal Feed/Pet food
- **Food delivery services & e-commerce for above mentioned products**
- **Cold-storage/Warehousing of Food Products**
- **Fuel such as Coal, Rice Husk, diesel/furnace oil and others necessary to ensure the running/manufacturing of plants/factories.**
- **All raw materials, Intermediaries, packaging materials needed to support the above list of products.**