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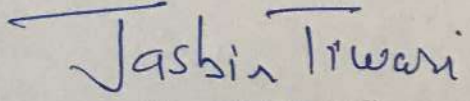
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(Department of Consumer Affairs)

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**Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month March, 2021 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs – regarding.**

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The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith as Annexure to this letter, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of March, 2021 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information.

  
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**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**Monthly Summary for the month of March, 2021**

Important activities/decisions of the department of Consumer Affairs during the month of March 2021.

**1. Bureau of Indian Standards:**

- 1.1 On March 03, a workshop was organized by DoCA in association with DPIIT on the subject "Easing compliance of BIS certifications", wherein manufacturers, industry associations such as CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM & PHDCCI, and experts deliberated on various matters. The workshop focused inter-alia on revision of Indian Standards in a timely manner, as also standards formulation in new subject areas. It was suggested that there should be an easy registration facility on the BIS website for interested stakeholders to join consultations on standards. Industry representatives also highlighted the need for developing more testing facilities for air conditioners, footwear, glass products and electrical items.
- 1.2 In order to make BIS more agile and responsive to the changing ecosystem, amendments to some BIS Regulations have been made recently by the Department, as follows:
  - a) The fee structure of Management Systems Certification Scheme has been revised and scaled down. The licensee is to ensure that the test sample reaches the designated office or lab within the prescribed time frame of seven days. For the foreign manufacturers, an additional option for depositing Performance Bank Guarantee in equivalent of Indian Rupees has been provided.

- b) Deferment of any product certification licence for upto one year from the date of its validity has been allowed. Previously, the provision was to allow renewal of the licence under deferment, upto 3 months only. With this amendment, expiry of a licence may be kept in abeyance on the request of the licensee in case of inability to operate the licence due to financial problems or unforeseen contingencies. This will facilitate manufacturers, specially in the MSME sector, to continue in the BIS certification fold and thus reduce the overall compliance burden.
- c) For manufacturers having more than one licence, a discount of ten percent in minimum marking fee for each subsequent product certification licence has been allowed through amendment to the Regulations.

## **2 Price Monitoring Activities:**

The price trend of pulses and demand-supply gap were highlighted by DoCA in meetings of the relevant Committees, and the need for requisite policy decisions was emphasized. Consequently, the import quotas for Moong, Urad and Tur for 2021-22 have been finalized and notified. Further, a new mechanism for import of pulses was notified by DGFT in the month of March. The entire process of application has been made online and the allotment would be based on a randomisation algorithm developed by NIC, DoCA, that has been duly vetted by C-DAC.

## **3. Consumer Protection:**

- 3.1 The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) issued 13 show cause notices (either suo moto or on complaint), to different corporate

houses and companies for seeking their responses regarding false claims, misleading advertisements and unfair trade practices.

- 3.2 The e-Daakhil portal was launched in 2 more State Consumer Commissions viz., Tripura and Uttarakhand, along with all District Commissions of these States, to facilitate the consumers/advocates in filing their consumer complaint online through the e-Daakhil portal. With this, the total number of States which have launched the e-filing portal, is 17.