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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution  
(Department of Consumer Affairs)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
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Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month August, 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 August, 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 August, 2021**

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

**1. Prices of Essential Food Commodities**

The imports of Tur, Urad and Moong were monitored continuously. Between April to August 2021, 7.59 LMT of pulses was imported, which is higher than 7.29 LMT and 7.18 LMT during the same period in 2020 and 2019 respectively. The dwell time of cargo decreased from 6.96 days in the last week of July to 5.99 days in the last week of August. The issue of Plant Quarantine clearances was pursued with DA&FW following which the requisite order for delegation of powers was issued by the said Department. In order to augment the availability of pulses in the buffer, the decision to import 1LMT Masur was taken last month, and the necessary process has been initiated thereafter.

**2. Bureau of Indian Standards**

2.1 BIS hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Tripartite Meeting of IBSA Quality Infrastructure Organization in hybrid mode on August 25-26, 2021 at New Delhi. The representatives of National Standards, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology Bodies of India, Brazil and South Africa participated in the meeting.

2.2 As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a series of webinars were organized for fostering a quality ecosystem in the country, namely a webinar on 'Make in India - Marching Ahead with Quality Footwear'; an awareness programme for Self Help Groups; an Industry meet with focus on the 'Collective journey from Independence to Atmanirbhar in Quality'; as also a webinar on 'Micro Irrigation Standards: A way towards Atma-Nirbhar Bharat'.

**3. Essential Commodities Act**

As on August 31, 2021, 11445 entities like Dealer, Importer, Miller and Stockist had registered on the portal from across the country and declared a total of 3181769.01 MT stocks of pulses. A communication was sent on August 25, 2021 to 17 states, giving details of 217 entities whose declarations indicated stock holding above the permissible limits.