

Speed Post

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Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
Legal Metrology Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
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To,  
The Controllers of Legal Metrology,  
All States/ UTs

**Subject:** Extension of period up to 30.9.2020 for utilisation of the pre-printed packing material stock due to prevalent situation of COVID-19 - reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to state that due to prevalent condition of COVID-19, leading to the lockdown of the whole country the manufacturing activities have come to a grinding halt. Consequently, the inventory of packaging material / wrapper with pre-printed date of manufacturing is not expected to be exhausted within the time limit prescribed under Rules.

2. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 33(1) and 6(1)(B) of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, the Central Government hereby permits the manufacturers or packers to utilise the existing packaging material / wrapper up to 30.09.2020 or till such date the packaging material / wrapper is exhausted, whichever is earlier, by declaring the correct month & year of manufacturing/ packing on the pre-packaged commodities by way of stamping or putting sticker or online printing, as the case may be.

3. This relaxation will be applicable to those manufacturers or packers who have to declare the month & year of manufacturing/ packing under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

Yours faithfully



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