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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated 8th February, 2018

To

The Principal Secretary,
Department of Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare,
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar

Subject: Relaxation in Uniform Specifications of Paddy in Odisha for Kharif Marketing
Season 2017-18- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No. 09661900072015/25315/ Bhubaneswar dated 14.12.2017 on the subject cited above and to state that following relaxations for 15 districts as mentioned below have been allowed to ensure MSP to farmers and to avoid distress sale for KMS 2017-18:

A. Damaged, discoloured, sprouted and weevilled grains will be allowed upto 12% against the existing limit of 5% as provided under uniform specification, subject to the condition that damaged sprouted and weevilled grains do not exceed 4%.

B. Immature, shrivelled and shrunken grains will be allowed upto 5% against the existing limit of 3% as provided under uniform specifications.

The above relaxations will be with Full Value Cut in the state of Odisha for affected 15 districts viz. Khorda, Kandhamal, Nayagarh, Bhadrak, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Gajapati, Rayagada, Koraput, Nawarangpur & Ganjam district and for current Kharif crop only. These relaxations will be subject to the following conditions;

1. The relaxation will be subject to condition that the resultant rice of relaxed specification paddy shall conform to Uniform specifications and will be consumed within the state only for TPDS & other welfare schemes.
2. No relaxation in out turn ratio will be allowed.
3. State Govt. shall maintain separate account for paddy procured under relaxed specification.
4. Any implications financial, operational will be the responsibility of the State Govt.
5. Separate account would be maintained by FCI & State agencies for paddy procured under relaxed specifications.
6. The paddy under relaxed specifications will be procured with value cut of Rs.140/- per quintal for 'common' and Rs. 143/- per quintal for Grade 'A'. Thus paddy under relaxed specifications would be purchased from farmers at the rate of Rs.1410/-per quintal in respect of 'Common' & Rs. 1447/- in respect of Grade 'A' varieties.

The above relaxation is applicable with immediate effect and for KMS 2017-18only.

Yours faithfully,


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