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The Executive Director (Zone),
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Sub: Handling of foodgrains at railway siding, role and responsibilities of each organizations (CRWC/CWC/SWC/FCI) to avoid contamination of foodgrains – reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the subject cited. It has been observed that at the time of loading/unloading operation at CRWC's railhead, incidence of contamination to foodgrains due to improper handling of foodgrains, clubbed with lack of proper supervision have been reported.

As a measure, it is suggested that whenever, CRWC's Rail siding is to be used for handling of foodgrains, the following precautions may be taken.

1. In case rake is handled at CRWC railhead, the ICCS to be present at the railhead along with the nominated depot & technical staff as per the extant guidelines.
2. At the time of loading/unloading, if ICCS, depot & technical staff notices any sort of contamination (due to fertilizers/coal/cement/toxic chemicals etc.) at railhead/ platform of CRWC, it should be brought to the notice of Terminal Manager/ Authorized Representative of Railhead immediately. The same should be cleaned/sanitized by Terminal Manager before commencement of loading/unloading.
3. If stocks are being loaded from CWC/ SWC/ depots to CRWC railhead engaged by FCI, any sort of contamination (due to fertilizers/coal/cement/toxic chemicals etc.) in the Trucks/ vehicles engaged by HTC of CWC/ SWC, it should immediately be reported to CWC/ SWC and appropriate action be taken for lodging complaint. Authorized Representative/ Terminal Manager of CRWC railhead may be made signatory in the joint report during lodging of complaint, if such contamination is noticed in the Trucks/ vehicles engaged by HTC of CWC/ SWC. Contaminated spillages if any, the same be replaced by the custodians, i.e, CWC/SWC, at their risk & cost.
4. Similarly, at the time of unloading, if ICCS, depot & technical staff notices any sort of contamination (due to fertilizers/coal/cement/toxic chemicals etc.) in the wagons, it should immediately be reported to dispatching/ loading station and appropriate action be taken for lodging complaint against the consignor staff as per procedure in vogue. Authorized Representative/ Terminal Manager of CRWC may made signatory in the report during lodging of complaint, if such contamination is noticed in the wagons. Such spillages if any, the same be kept separately & disposed off as per instruction in vogue.

