

[THE GAZETTE OF INDIA : EXTRAORDINARY (Part. II-Section 3(ii)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

ORDER

New Delhi, the 16th April, 2004

S.O. 506 (E).- Whereas, by the Order of the Government of India in the Ministry of Textiles vide No.SO 736 (E), dated the 12th July, 2002, the Central Government, after considering the recommendations of the Inter- Ministerial- Committee, constituted on the basis of recommendations of the Standing Advisory Committee, had directed that the commodities specified in column (3) of the Schedule of that Order, shall be packed in jute packaging material for supply or distribution, in such minimum percentage as specified in the corresponding entries in column (4) of the said Schedule;

And, whereas the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta, vide its Order dated the 27th June, 2003 in A.P.O.T. No. 665 of 2002 arising out of the Writ Petition No.1207 of 2002, has directed the Central Government to maintain Status Quo Ante to the passing of the said Order regarding the commodities specified in column (3) of the said Order;

And, whereas, in pursuance to carry out the aforesaid direction of the Hon'ble High Court, the Central Government had issued an Order No.S.O 930 (E) dated the 14th August, 2003;

And, whereas, in Civil Appeal No.6880-6883/2003, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its interim Order dated the 29th August, 2003 allowed the Special Leave Petition and ordered to maintain Status Quo;

And, whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Order dated 16th February, .2004 modified its earlier Order dated the 29th August, 2003 and vacated the Status Quo in the matter of an Internal Application filed by the Central Government in the aforesaid Special Leave Petition;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 (10 of 1987) and to carry out the aforesaid Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Central Government hereby directs that the commodities specified in column (2) of the Schedule below shall be packed in jute packaging material for supply or distribution in such minimum percentage as specified in corresponding entries in column (3) of the said Schedule from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette to the 30th June, 2004.

SCHEDULE

Sl.No.	Commodities	Percentage of total production of Commodity or class of commodities
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required to be packed in jute packaging material manufactured in India from raw jute, produced in India.

(1) (2)

(3)

(i)	Foodgrains	Sixty per cent (60%)
(ii)	Sugar	Fifty per cent (50%)

2. This notification is subject to the final decision with regard to the Special Leave Petition No. 15144-15147/2003, in the matter of Union of India & Others Vs. Indian Jute Mills Association & Others in Civil appeal No. 6880-6883 of 2003, pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.(F.No.9/8/2001-Jute)

ATUL CHATURVEDI, Jt. Secy.

Foot Note :-The Principal Order was published vide S.O.736 (E) dated 12th July, 2002