

GEMA/2024-25/MoPNG/322

Date: 03rd March 2025

To,

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri Ji

Hon'ble Minister to the Govt. of India

Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

Subject: Request for Uniform Policy on Ethanol Movement for EBPP.

Respected Sir,

The members of the Grain Ethanol Manufacturers Association (GEMA) have raised concerns regarding the restrictions, imposition of fees, duties, and cess on ethanol movement across various states.

It is brought to your kind notice that multiple states have implemented varying regulations, leading to significant challenges for the industry. The lack of a uniform policy disrupts logistics and hampers the Ethanol Blending Program (EBPP).

For your reference, the current ethanol movement regulations across different states are as follows:

1. **Telangana** – Entry permit required for Ethanol Tanker Trucks (TTs).
2. **Rajasthan** – Import permit and excise seal required on TTs carrying ethanol from other states.
3. **Punjab** – Export permit required for ethanol movement out of Punjab.
4. **Haryana** – Export permit required for ethanol movement out of Haryana.
5. **Uttar Pradesh** – Export permit required, along with levies, OMD fees, denaturation mandates, and GPS-enabled Digilocks on TTs. Ethanol import from other states is not permitted.
6. **Bihar** – Export permit required for ethanol movement out of Bihar.
7. **Jharkhand** – GPS-enabled Digilocks required on TTs carrying ethanol.
8. **West Bengal** – Import permit required for ethanol brought in from other states.
9. **Gujarat** – Mandates 50 ppm of bitterant, whereas other states accept 40 ppm. Brucine/Brucine sulfate is not accepted as a denaturant.

Importance of Uniform Policy:

A standardized ethanol movement policy would:

- Simplify the regulatory environment.
- Reduce costs for ethanol suppliers.
- Smoothen the ethanol supplies under EBPP.
- Promote ethanol as a renewable energy source.

Support Requested from the Government:

1. Formulation of a uniform policy for ethanol movement PAN India.
2. Classify and standardize single denaturant for ethanol PAN India.

GEMA seeks your kind intervention in addressing these challenges and implementing a uniform ethanol movement policy to ease out the movement of ethanol across the nation.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this important matter.

Thank you & regards,



Dr. C. K. Jain, President

Copy to: 1) Sh. Pankaj Jain, Secretary, MoPNG.

2) Sh. Rohit Mathur, JS (BR), MoPNG

3) OMC Coordination Committee (BPCL, HPCL & IOCL)

i) Shri Anurag Saraogi, Chief General Manager- BPCL, Mumbai

ii) Shri Siddhartha Mitra, Chief General Manager- IOCL, Mumbai

iii) Shri K. K. Kishore, Chief General Manager-HPCL, Mumbai