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To

**Shri Aswani Srivastava Ji**

Joint Secretary (Sugar & DSVO)

Department of Food and Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

**Subject:** Request for amendment in NABARD's Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS) Application Protocol.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the Grain Ethanol Manufacturers Association (GEMA), we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the Department of Food & Public Distribution's continued support of the ethanol industry, particularly through the Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS) that has provided critical financial relief to ethanol manufacturers.

As you are aware, NABARD has been designated as the implementing agency for processing and issuing the interest subvention amount. However, the current application protocol requires ethanol plants to apply for one quarter at a time and mandates that they can only apply for the next quarter after the previous quarter's ISS has been processed and disbursed.

This sequential processing requirement is posing significant operational and financial challenges for our member units, as most of units have 3 and many have 6-7 quarters of ISS pending. The delay in reimbursement is impacting the cash flow and financial stability of these ethanol units, which are already operating under stringent cost structures.

In light of this, we humbly request that the application protocol be amended to allow ethanol plants to apply for up to three or more quarters at a time instead of one. This will help expedite the clearance of pending ISS claims and ensure that ethanol manufacturers receive their due benefits in a timely manner.

We would be grateful for your kind consideration of this request and look forward to your kind support in streamlining the ISS application process. We would be happy to provide any further information or participate in discussions to facilitate a resolution.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. C. K. Jain, President