

**F. No. 11/3/2021-(BP&E)(PartI) (379607)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, F&PD**  
**Department of Food & Public Distribution**  
**(Directorate of Sugar and Vegetable Oils)**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated: 22 October, 2025

To,  
The Chairman & Managing Director  
FCI, New Delhi

**Subject: Modalities and SoPs for Sale of rice under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) OMSS (D) Policy 2025-26 for conversion into ethanol for Ethanol Supply Year 2025-26-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter number No.1-5/2025-PY.IV/Pt. dated 31.07.2025 (copy enclosed) regarding Allocation for Sale of rice in the open market under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic)(OMSS(D)) 2025-26.

2. In order to streamline the sale of rice to distilleries for ethanol production from the FCI depots where surplus rice is available, the following modalities may be adopted:

- i. FCI rice would be issued @ Rs. 2320/- quintal Pan India (from 01.11.2025 to 30.06.2026) for a total quantity not exceeding 52 LMT for conversion to ethanol with no additional transportation cost. The supply of FCI rice for a total quantity not exceeding 52 LMT can be affected by ethanol distilleries in both deficit and surplus states. For this purpose, old rice should be utilized to the extent feasible.
- ii. Sale of FCI rice for ethanol production will only be allowed to distilleries registered with OMCs as suppliers of ethanol.
- iii. Distilleries along with a copy of valid signed contract with OMCs for supply of ethanol from FCI rice may approach to the Divisional Manager of the FCI of the division, where FCI depot of their choice is located.
- iv. The concerned Divisional Manager will allocate rice to distilleries as per the quantity of ethanol allocated to distilleries in their contract with OMCs, from that FCI depot. The supply may be in one go or in tranches as per requirement.
- v. Once the rice is supplied, distillery will provide a copy of certificate issued by the concerned OMC regarding supply of ethanol by the concerned distillery, to the concerned Divisional Manager of the FCI.
- vi. The supply of rice to the distilleries should be on pre-payment basis only and no credit sale would be allowed.
- vii. The cost of transportation from FCI godowns to the distilleries shall be borne by the distilleries.
- viii. The OMCs would be furnishing details of quantity of ethanol produced from FCI rice, received at respective depot every month in a format prescribed by OMCs to the concerned Divisional Manager of FCI.

3. In addition to this, SoP for sale of FCI rice through FCI Depots for ethanol production and its smooth lifting by ethanol distilleries is at Annexure.

Encl: as above

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## Annexure

**SOPs for sale of FCI rice through FCI Depots for ethanol production and its smooth lifting by ethanol distilleries**

| S.No. | Activity  | Action to be taken  | Timeline   | Responsible entity/Officer   |
|-------|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| 1.1   | <b>Placement of Indent along with advance payment</b> | To be placed beforehand by the distilleries having valid contract with OMCs along with advance payment of the indented quantity | As per allocation from OMCs  | <b>Distilleries</b>          |
| 1.2   | <b>Issuance of Release Orders (ROs)</b>               | ROs to be issued by FCI   | After indents are placed and payment for the same is made by the distillery Release Order (RO) would be issued within 24 hours by the FCI after payment verification.  | <b>Regional Manager, FCI</b> |
| 1.3   | <b>Lifting of FCI Rice</b>                            | Arrangement of transport to be made by distillers   | Distillers to lift the quantity within ten working days from issuance of release order. Accordingly, the distilleries will provide a tentative daily lifting in terms of trucks in advance to Depot Manager concerned. | <b>Distilleries</b>          |
|       |   | Arrangement of Labour by FCI  | Depot Manager to ensure availability of labour after issuance of RO to facilitate timely lifting by the distillers   | <b>Depot Manager, FCI</b>    |

**Additional Scenarios:**

| S.No. | Issue/Scenario                                    | Action to be taken   | Responsible Officer          |
|-------|---|--|------------------------------|
| 2.1   | <b>Unavailability of stock in concerned Depot</b> | FCI will arrange the availability of rice at the earliest. If stock is available at nearby depot, distilleries having valid ROs may be allowed to lift the stock from nearby depot.          | <b>Regional Manager, FCI</b> |
| 2.2   | <b>Supply of rice directly through rakes</b>      | i. If any distillery request for full rake quantity at nearby rake unloading facility, such distilleries may be facilitated with supply of FCI rice through rail rakes with a condition that | <b>Regional Manager, FCI</b> |

|     |   |   |                           |
|-----|---|---|---------------------------|
|     |   | <p>the rake will be released within the prescribed time by Railways.</p> <p>ii. On confirmation of availability of rake, depot manager to inform distillery at the earliest.</p> <p>iii. In case of any delay in rake unloading, demurrage shall be paid by the distiller.</p>                                  |                           |
| 2.3 | <b>Arrangement of availability of labour on gazetted holidays/ non-working days</b> | If the depot is unable to provide sufficient manpower to a distillery for lifting, the distillery may, upon request, be allowed to lift rice on gazetted holidays or non-working days except for godowns/depots operated by DPS/departmental labour. The Depot Manager shall ensure the availability of labour. | <b>Depot Manager, FCI</b> |

3. In case, any issue regarding lifting of FCI still arises at any of the FCI depots, then the concerned Depot Manager should promptly bring it into notice of General Manager (Region)/Divisional Manager and if required, the matter may be escalated to ED (Zone).
4. **Distilleries procuring rice from FCI for ethanol production may register grievances related to rice lifting from FCI depots.** The grievance can be lodged through any of the following platforms:
  - i. Web Portal: <https://fci.gov.in/grievanceredressal/grievance/login>
  - ii. Android Mobile Application: Available on Google Play Store under the name "FCI Grievance Redressal."