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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: 8th May, 2026

To,
The Chairman & Managing Director
Food Corporation of India,
16-20, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi

Subject: Revised Modalities and SoPs for Sale of FCI 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 No.1-5/2025- Py.IV/Pt.-Part(3) dated 01.04.2026 (copy enclosed) regarding allocation for Sale of FCI rice in the open market under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic)(OMSS(D)) 2025-26 and Modalities & SoPs issued vide letter dated 22.10.2025(copy enclosed) for sale of FCI rice to ethanol distilleries for conversion to ethanol.

2. In order to streamline the sale of FCI rice to distilleries for ethanol production, the following revised modalities may be adopted:

- i. **For the purpose of supplying FCI rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol, old/broken rice should be utilized to the extent feasible.**
- ii. FCI rice would be issued @ Rs. 2320/- quintal Pan India (from 01.11.2025 to 30.06.2026) for a total quantity not exceeding 72 LMT (52 LMT already allocated + additional allocation of 20 LMT) for conversion to ethanol with no additional transportation cost. The supply of FCI rice for a total quantity not exceeding 72 LMT can be affected by ethanol distilleries in both deficit and surplus states.
- iii. Sale of FCI rice for ethanol production will only be allowed to distilleries registered with OMCs as suppliers of ethanol.
- iv. Distilleries along with a copy of valid signed contract with OMCs for supply of ethanol from FCI rice, may approach the preferred Divisional Office of the FCI. FCI Divisional Office will allocate a particular depot for supply of FCI rice to distilleries.
- v. 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.
- vi. 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.

- vii. The supply of rice to the distilleries should be on pre-payment basis only and no credit sale would be allowed.
 - viii. The cost of transportation from FCI godowns to the distilleries shall be borne by the distilleries.
 - ix. 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

Yours faithfully,



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

Sl. No.	Activity	Action to be taken	Timeline	Responsible entity/Officer
1.1	Placement of Indent along with advance payment	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	Distilleries
1.2	Issuance of Release Orders (ROs)	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.	Regional Manager, FCI
1.3	Lifting of FCI Rice	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.	Distilleries
		Arrangement of Labour by FCI	Depot Manager to ensure availability of labour after issuance of RO to facilitate timely lifting by the distillers	Depot Manager, FCI

Additional Scenarios:

Sl. No.	Issue/Scenario	Action to be taken	Responsible Officer
2.1	Unavailability of stock in concerned Division	FCI will arrange the availability of rice at the earliest. However, distiller may prefer to choose any other Division, if FCI rice is not available at the preferred division.	Regional Manager, FCI
2.2	Supply of rice directly through rakes	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	Regional Manager, FCI

		the rake will be released within the prescribed time by Railways. ii. On confirmation of availability of rake, depot manager to inform distillery at the earliest. iii. In case of any delay in rake unloading, demurrage shall be paid by the distiller.	
2.3	Arrangement of availability of labour on gazetted holidays/ non-working days	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.	Depot Manager, FCI

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."