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अलका सिरोही, अपर सचिव

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND  
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION-  
(Department of Consumer Affairs)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 12th February, 2007

S.O: 184(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 1 of the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2006 (54 of 2006), the Central Government hereby appoints the 12th February, 2007 as the date on which the said Act shall come into force.

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ALKA SIROHI, Addl. Secy.



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Separate paging is given to this Part in order that it may be filed as a separate compilation.

## MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 26th December, 2006/Pausa 5, 1928 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 24th December, 2006, and is hereby published for general information:—

### THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2006

No. 54 of 2006

[24th December 2006.]

An Act further to amend the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2006.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. In the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 2, clause (a) shall be omitted.

Insertion of  
new section  
2A.

3. After section 2 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Essential  
commodities  
declaration,  
etc.

'2A. (1) For the purposes of this Act, "essential commodity" means a commodity specified in the Schedule.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (4), the Central Government may, if it is satisfied that it is necessary so to do in the public interest and for reasons to be specified in the notification published in the Official Gazette, amend the Schedule so as to—

(a) add a commodity to the said Schedule;

(b) remove any commodity from the said Schedule,

in consultation with the State Governments.

(3) Any notification issued under sub-section (2) may also direct that an entry shall be made against such commodity in the said Schedule declaring that such commodity shall be deemed to be an essential commodity for such period not exceeding six months to be specified in the notification:

Provided that the Central Government may, in the public interest and for reasons to be specified, by notification in the Official Gazette, extend such period beyond the said six months.

(4) The Central Government may exercise its powers under sub-section (2) in respect of the commodity to which Parliament has power to make laws by virtue of Entry 33 in List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution.

(5) Every notification issued under sub-section (2) shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is issued, before both Houses of Parliament.

Amendment  
of section 3.

4. In section 3 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), in clause (g), the words "or cotton textiles" shall be omitted.

Amendment of  
section 12A.

5. In section 12A of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), in clause (a), sub-clause (i) shall be omitted.

Savings of the  
orders issued  
under section 3.

6. All notifications, orders, directions issued or any appointment made, licence or permit granted under section 3 of the principal Act before the commencement of this Act and are in force, in respect of the essential commodities specified in the Schedule, shall continue to remain in force until and unless it is superseded by any notification, order, appointment made, licence or permit granted or directions issued and it shall be deemed to have been issued under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

## THE SCHEDULE

(See section 2A)

## ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

(1) drugs.

23 of 1940. *Explanation.*—For the purposes of this Schedule, “drugs” has the meaning assigned to it in clause (b) of section 3 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940;

(2) fertilizer, whether inorganic, organic or mixed;

(3) foodstuffs, including edible oilseeds and oils;

(4) hank yarn made wholly from cotton;

(5) petroleum and petroleum products;

(6) raw jute and jute textiles;

(7) (i) seeds of food-crops and seeds of fruits and vegetables;

(ii) seeds of cattle fodder; and

(iii) jute seeds.

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Secy. to the Govt. of India.