

**MANDATORY JUTE PACKAGING; ORDER OF 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2004**

**S.O. 1057 (E).** - Whereas the Central Government under Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 is empowered to specify such commodities or class of commodities or such percentage thereof shall be packed for the purpose of its supply or distribution in such jute packaging material as may be specified in the order, considering the recommendations of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC);

Whereas the central Government, in exercise of powers conferred under Sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the said Act, has constituted the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) vide No. S.O. 479 (E) dated 8th April, 2004 to recommend the norms of packaging in jute material for the jute year 2004 - 05;

And, whereas, the Central Government, after considering the recommendations made to it by the Standing Advisory Committee, is satisfied that it is necessary so to do in the interest of production of raw jute and jute packaging material, and of persons engaged in the production thereof;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 read with sub-section (1) of section 16 of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987 (10 of 1987), the Central Government hereby directs that the commodities specified in column (2) of the schedule below, shall be packed in jute packaging material, for supply or distribution, in such minimum percentage as specified in the corresponding entries in column (3) of the said schedule with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette for the Jute year 2004-05 i.e. upto 30th June, 2005.

**SCHEDULE**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Percentage of total production of commodity or class of commodities required to be packed in jute packaging material manufactured in India from raw jute, produced in India</b>
1.	Food grains	Hundred percent (100 %)
2.	Sugar	Ninety percent (90 %)

2. In case of any shortage or disruption in supply of jute packaging material, Ministry of Textiles may, in consultation with the user Ministries concerned, relax these provisions upto a maximum of 20 % for foodgrains and sugar respectively.
3. Small consumer packs of 10 kilograms and below and export packing in respect of foodgrains and sugar shall be exempted from the operation of this order.
4. "Sugar fortified with vitamins" shall be exempted from the purview of this Order

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