OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Extension of validity period for one-year treatment facilities/pack houses/warehouses/processing unit in wake of COVID-19 situation - regarding.

I am directed to convey the approval of the competent authority issued vide DAC&FW letter no.18-101/2020-PP.(FTS:82783) dated 09.07.2020 for extending validity of treatment facilities/pack houses/warehouses/processing unit for one year whose validity is expiring from 01.07.2020 to 31.12.2020 to facilitate agriculture trade in view of present COVID-19 situation.

2. The following procedure are to be adopted for extension of validity:-
   i. Facility/ Agency will remit renewal fee online at Bharatkosh as stipulated in the respective NSPM/SOP.
   ii. A request for extension of validity for one year will be sent by mail by Facility/ Agency to the renewal authority (PPA/RPQS In-charges) as stipulated in the respective NSPM/SOP alongwith receipt of payment.
   iii. Renewal authority (PPA/RPQS In-charges) will issue extension of validity of accreditation/registration certificate for one year without physical inspection.

3. Facility/ Agency under suspension will not be eligible for such exemption.

4. Officer I/Cs of all RPQS must bring it to the notice of all stake holders and PQ Stations under their jurisdiction.

5. Officer I/Cs of all RPQS must send consolidated list of Facilities/ Agencies whose validity has been extended for uploading in PQIS website.

Copy to:
1. Officer I/Cs of all RPQSs for immediate compliance and for its wide publicity
2. Chairman-APEDA, New Delhi for favour of kind information and necessary action
3. IT-cell for uploading in the DPPQS website
4. Under Secretary (PP-II), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
5. All the officials in PQ Division of DPPQS headquarters
6. PPS to PPA for information