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Notification

The 9th June, 2026

No.E-663429-HIII(5)/2026/4929.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the provision of

Section 43 of the Punjab Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1961(Punjab Act 23 of 1961) and all the powers

enabling him in this behalf, the Administrator of Union Territory, Chandigarh, is pleased to amend the Punjab

Agricultural Produce Market (General) Rules, 1962, as applicable to Union Territory of Chandigarh, as amended

from time to time, namely :-

RULES

1. These rules may be called the Punjab Agricultural Produce Market (General) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026, as applicable to Union Territory of Chandigarh.

2. In the Punjab Agricultural Produce Market (General) Rules, 1962, as applicable to U.T. Chandigarh, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the said rules):

(i) In rule 17, for sub-rule(1) sub-rule(2), sub-rule(3),sub-rule(4) and sub-rule (7), the following sub-rules shall be substituted, namely :-

“(1)A person desirous of obtaining a licence under Section 10 of the Act, for carrying on any business of the nature specified in sub-section (3) of section 6, in an notified area, shall apply in Form A (to be submitted in duplicate) to the Secretary of the Board or any officer authorized by him, through the Committee of the area in which he wishes to carry on his business and shall also deposit licence fee of rupees one thousand, per year or any part thereof, to the committee. The licence issued shall be valid for a maximum period of ten years in an notified market area:

Provided that the applicant while applying shall furnish Know Your Client (KYC) documents like (a) Adhaar card, (b) PAN Card, (c) Bank authentication. In case of partnership firm, the KYC of all the partners or directors shall be mandatory:

Provided further that the provisions of Know Your Client (KYC) documents shall not apply in the case of Government purchase agency notified by the Government from time to time.

(2) While submitting an application for a licence under section 10 of the Act, the applicant shall specify the period for which he wants to obtain a licence.

(3) If any person, who is not licensee, carries on his business as a dealer in an notified market area on the date of issue of notification under sub-section (1) of section 6 and fails to apply for a licence on or before the dates specified therein for obtaining licence, the licence

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ng authority may, before a licence is issued, impose upon the applicant, a penalty according to the following scale:-	Explanation:- If a licence is issued on the 1st day of April, 2026 or any other day before the 31st day of March, 2027 and is issued for five years, it shall expire on the 31st day of March, 2031.
(i) if the application is made by him within thirty days of the date specified in the notification- one hundred rupees per day;	(7) On receipt of the application, the Secretary of the Board or any officer authorized by him may grant a licence to the applicant in Form B. The licence shall be subject to the conditions mentioned therein."
(ii) if the application is made after the expiry of thirty days of the date specified in the notification, but within a period of forty days of such expiry- one hundred rupees per day for the first thirty days and rupees two hundred per day for each day thereafter.	(ii) In rule 21, for sub-rule (1), sub-rule (3) and sub-rule (6), the following sub-rules shall be substituted, namely :- “(1) A licence granted under section 10 or 13 of the Act shall be valid for the period for which it is issued and shall, subject to any order passed under section 10(2) of the Act or rule 19(5) be renewable by the authority granting it, on payment of the annual fee prescribed for the issue of such licence. Renewal applications shall be made in Form F for licences under section 10 and in Form G for those under section 13. Provided that the licence granted under section 10 shall be deemed to be cancelled if the licensee does not conduct any business for one year continuously. (3) An application for the renewal of licences shall be made at least thirty days before the date on which the licence is due to expire: Provided that 30 days period of grace will be allowed for getting an annual licence renewal. Provided further that the authority competent to renew a licence may, on the applicant's paying a penalty equal to the amount of annual licence fee, grant an application for renewal made within thirty days after the date of expiry of the licence or in the case of an annual licence within thirty days of the expiry of the period of grace. The authority competent to renew a licence may remit the penalty in whole or in part if it is satisfied that the delay was for the reasons beyond the control of the applicant. Provided further that no licences shall be renewed for a part of the year. Provided further that the authority competent to renew the licences shall decide for the renewal within 30 days from the receipt of the application, failing which the licences shall be deemed to be renewed for which it is applied for.
(4) Unless otherwise provided in the licence, each licence issued under the Act shall expire on the 31st day of March, in the financial year up to which it is granted keeping in view the total number of years as per request of the applicant.	(6) If a licence granted under section 10 or 13 of the Act, or renewed under Sub-rule (1) above is lost, a duplicate may be issued by the authority which issued the original, on payment by the licensee of a fee of one hundred rupees” Chandigarh, dated the 04th June, 2026 (By order and on behalf of the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh)

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