

CIRCULAR NO.26

No TQC/Fire equipment policy/2012-13

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Sub:- Proper maintenance of fire fighting equipments - Regarding

The need of making proper fire fighting arrangements has been emphasized from time to time. As a bailee of the stocks stored in our warehouses, it is our duty to provide security of the stocks from various risks like fire theft and burglary etc.

2. The proper up-keep and maintenance of fire fighting equipments like fire buckets, is necessary to avoid any untoward incidence, particularly in the ensuing summer periods. Extra care is, however, needed for the warehouses storing hazardous/extra hazardous goods.

3. The review of inspection reports indicate that this aspect is getting neglected at many of the warehouses. At many of the places either the fire extinguishers are not available or insufficient as per norms. At places the extinguishers are not charged/not properly displayed. Similarly the fire buckets are also either not available or kept in the store room of the warehouses. Such situations speak about total neglect about importance of fire fighting. The Warehouse Managers and the inspecting officers need to ensure that the warehouses are fully equipped with the required number of fire fighting equipments like fire extinguishers and fire buckets as per the stipulated norms.

4. It is, therefore, once again impressed on all the concerned that arrangements for firefighting equipments in perfect working condition must be made available in all the warehouses. Date of purchase and date of last refilling be displayed on the body of extinguishers. The fire extinguishers be got periodically tested for hydraulic pressure testing. All the Warehouse Managers are further advised to display a sketch plan of the godown in their office rooms indicating location of the fire fighting equipments including static tank, if any, in the warehouse premises.

5. All persons employed in warehouses should be familiar with the elementary principles of fire fighting and know how to use it in an emergency.

6. The list of steps to be taken and action to be avoided for prevention and control of fire as mentioned in book No.1 Storage Practices Page 44-45 be strictly followed. It shall be the responsibility of the warehouse incharge to keep his warehouse fully protected against fire hazards.

Receipt of this circular may please be acknowledged.


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GENERAL MANAGER (TECH)

To

The Regional Manager, CWC, RO, - with the request to circulate to Inspecting officers and all warehouse managers under his jurisdiction for strict implementation.

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