



## ABSTRACT

Public Health and Preventive Medicine - Condemnation of disposable cold chain related items in the Primary Health Centres, Government Hospitals, Municipal Hospitals / Health Posts, Medical College Hospitals and in the Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine – Orders -Issued.

### HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAPI-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O (Ms) No.191

Dated:27.06.2014  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2045  
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Read

- 1) G.O. (Ms) No.327, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated:19.12.2011.
- 2) From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6. Letter R.No. 092889/ Immn/ S4/ 2013, Dated: 05.12.2013.

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### ORDER:

In the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above, guidelines were issued for condemnation and disposal of the equipments which are beyond repairable condition in the Government Medical Colleges, Government Hospitals, Taluk/ Non-Taluk Dispensaries, Hospitals and Primary Health Centres. However, the Cold Chain equipments have not been included in the purview of the said Government Order.

2. In the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has stated that considerable numbers of Cold Chain equipments supplied by the Government of India over the years to all the Government Health and Medical Institutions have become worn out beyond repairable condition. These equipments will also have to be condemned and disposed off. The Director, has therefore, submitted the following proposal in consonance with the guidelines issued in the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above for condemnation of cold chain equipments belonging to the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. As these equipments have been supplied mainly by the Government of India, proceeds of their condemnation need to be remitted into the Government of India's account as envisaged in the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Letter No. Y.11030/ 1/ 2004- CC&V, dated: 11.07.2005, the Director has further stated that the guidelines may cover condemnation and disposal of the unserviceable cold chain equipments such as Walk-in-Cooler, Walk-in-Freezer, Cold Room, Ice Lined Refrigerators, Deep Freezers, Voltage Stabilizers, Generators, Cold Boxes, Vaccine Carriers, Day Carriers, Ice Packs and other cold chain related items available in the Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Offices of the Deputy Director of Health Services in Districts, Primary Health Centres, Medical College Hospitals, Government Hospitals, Government Taluk and Non-Taluk Hospitals, Corporations, Municipal Hospitals, Urban Health Posts and Urban Primary Health Centres.

a) State Committee

Condemnation Committee for cold chain equipments available in the Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine may be constituted as below:

1. Joint Director of Public Health  
(Immunization) - Chairman
2. Deputy Director (Administration) - Member
3. Cold Chain Officer - Member
4. Superintendent (Immunization) - Member
5. Refrigeration Mechanic - Technical Member

b) District Committee

Condemnation Committee for the cold chain equipments at the District level may be constituted as below:

1. Deputy Director of Health Services - Chairman
2. Assistant Program Manager - Member
3. Administrative Officer - Member
4. Superintendent (Accounts) - Member
5. Refrigeration Mechanic - Technical Member

If the Technical Member in serial no. (5) is not available due to vacancy in a particular district, a Technical Member from any of the neighbouring Districts may be called.

c) Identification of equipment to be condemned

The Technical Member of the committee shall inspect the worn out cold chain equipments of the offices within the jurisdiction of the Committee in which he is the Technical Member and certify the unserviceable cold chain equipments for condemnation.

- d) All the Cold Chain equipments which are certified as unserviceable by the Technical Member shall be stored in the office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine/Deputy Directors of Health Services for necessary disposal by the Joint Directors of Public Health (Immunization)/ Deputy Directors of Health Services respectively.
- e) The Condemnation Committee shall meet as and when necessary and complete the condemnation of all the cold chain items at least once every month.

- f) List of unserviceable items certified by the Technical Member shall be placed before the Condemnation Committee by the Superintendent (Accounts) in case of Districts / Superintendent (Immunization) in case of Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai for orders.
- g) The Condemnation Committee shall record the reasons for condemnation specifically for each item and members shall sign thereto.
- h) The Condemnation Committees in the Health Unit Districts shall be vested with powers to decide on disposal of the condemned items, the original cost of which do not exceed Rs. 5 lakhs each. For items of value above Rs.5 lakhs, the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine shall be vested with powers to decide based on recommendations of the State Condemnation Committee.
- i) All the Cold Chain equipments to be condemned should be taken to General Disposal Register of the concerned office. The entries in the General Disposal Register should tally with the items condemned and written off in the respective main stock register of the cold chain equipments. The stock in the general disposal register shall be reduced as and when such items are disposed.
- j) Public Auction shall be conducted if the upset price is less than Rs.25,000/- in each auction. The Deputy Director of Health Services in case of Districts / Joint Director of Public Health (Immunization) in case of Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine shall post-approve the auction sale as per G.O. (Ms) No.473, Health and Family Welfare (EAPI-1) Department, dated: 20.09.1996 and G.O. (Ms) No.327, Health and Family Welfare (EAP I-1) Department, dated: 19.12.2011.
- K) Limited Tender System shall be adopted if the value expected to be realised on disposal of the items condemned is less than Rs.10,00,000/- and the Deputy Director of Health Services in case of Districts / Joint Director of Public Health (Immunization) in case of Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine Office can be vested with powers of finalising the limited tender based on highest bid value. In cases where the condemned items are expected to fetch more than Rs.10 lakhs as proceeds, the respective Deputy Director of Health Services in case of Districts / Joint Director of Public Health (Immunization) in case of Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine shall finalize and award the Tender as per the Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency Act, 1996.
- L) Upset price for disposal of the condemned items shall be fixed locally by the District Committee in case of Districts / State Committee in case of Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine.
- M) The money received through auction/tender shall be remitted into the Government of India's account under the Head of Account Grant No.900

Receipt Major Head "0211 – Family Welfare – 800-Other Receipt" as indicated in the Letter No. Y.11030/1/2004-CC&V, Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare dated: 11.07.2005.

3. As accumulation of old and worn out cold chain equipments are causing hardships in the maintenance and upkeep of cold chain and severe space constraints, the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has requested to issue orders for condemnation of all the unserviceable stores and equipments of cold chain belonging to the Primary Health Centres, Government Hospitals, Municipal Hospitals / Health Posts, Medical College Hospitals and in the Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai – 6 following the above mentioned guidelines.

4. The Government after examination have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. Accordingly the Government approve the condemnation and disposal of all the unserviceable stores and equipments of cold chain belonging to the Primary Health Centres, Government Hospitals, Municipal Hospitals / Health Posts, Medical College Hospitals and in the Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai – 6 following the above guidelines mentioned in para 2 above .

6. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.31869/H-I/2014 dated: 18.06.2014.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6,  
The Project Director,  
Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, Chennai-6.

All Head of Departments

All Joint Director of Health Services

All Deputy Director of Health Services

All District Project Management Unit

All Coordinators

The Dean all Medical Colleges

All Hospital Superintendent,

All Government Medical College Hospitals

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Finance (Health I) Department, Chennai-9.

Health and Family Welfare (Data Cell) Department, Chennai-9.

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SECTION OFFICER

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