



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT**

Karachi, dated the 15th July, 2020

ORDER – CATTLE MARKETS / MANDIS

No: SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona: Whereas there is a WHO declared pandemic of COVID-19 and many countries including Pakistan are affected. That, adequate steps are required to contain the spread of this disease COVID-19 and the resulting deaths. That, the Government of Sindh, in order to contain the disease, has been issuing directions from time to time to this effect since 14th March, 2020.

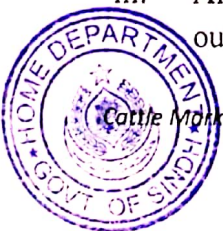
Whereas there is forthcoming Eid-ul-Azha, a religious obligation to sacrifice animals, and the related activities need to be streamlined and managed for preventing the spread of Covid-19. And whereas as per discussions and decisions at the National Command and Operation Centre for Covid-19, Islamabad and keeping in line with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in Suo Moto Case # 01/2020 dated 13th April, 2020 and 4th May, 2020 to have a uniform policy at national level the Government of Sindh considers it expedient to issue necessary directions for the purpose of holding of Cattle markets / mandis.

Whereas, the threat of spread of COVID-19 continues to exist and there is increased risk of spread if the social distancing, frequent disinfections/ hand washings etc are not properly observed. And whereas, the prevention / preventive measures are the only solution as no cure / vaccine is in place for those afflicted with the disease.

Now therefore, in consideration of above, the Government of Sindh under Section 3(1) of the Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015) hereby issues the following instructions / directions / guidelines.

A. ADVICE TO MINIMISE THE ACTIVITIES THAT CAUSE CROWDING

- i. Sacrifice (Qurbani) through reputable organization / institute for distant Qurbani, like that by Haj pilgrims is encouraged. Reputed and registered companies/firms may be utilized for the purpose. Reputed and registered madaris or welfare organizations like Sailani, Edhi, Al-Khidmat, Chippa, JDC etc and reputable / registered Madaris and NGOs may be utilized. These organizations and others, duly registered and recognized shall have proper system in place for conducting such Qurbani on behalf of person(s) at duly designated distant places with SOPs for Covid-19 prevention. Further, trained and duly briefed / sensitized butchers who are screened negative for Covid-19 shall be deputed for the purpose.
- ii. The sale of Eid animals on-line/video link can be utilized by these organizations / sellers.
- iii. All these organizations would keep / place their animals and Qurbani arrangements outside the cities / congested areas.



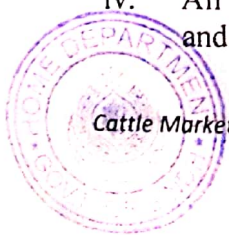
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B. DIRECTIONS FOR HOLDING CATTLE MANDIS

- i. Only the recognized and duly permitted Mandis would be allowed through specific order by the Commissioner on recommendation of Deputy Commissioner.
- ii. Permission will be conditional to the following of all SOPs related to Covid-19 prevention and permission would stand revoked on failure to comply with these directions. In addition to the revoking of permission, any action under relevant laws could be taken against the violators including the license / permission holder, management, seller/ buyer at such place.
- iii. No selling of sacrificial or other animals is allowed at any place other than designated and permitted Mandis. Strict action is warranted against sellers at road side, under overhead bridges, residential areas and city areas etc.
- iv. There shall be a **Monitoring Committee** at each district level under Deputy Commissioner with SSP, Municipal Commissioner, Rangers commander at district level and sub-committees at Tehsil / Town level under Assistant Commissioner with representatives of relevant departments who shall be responsible for ensuring compliance of all directions and monitoring for the purpose of action against violations.
- v. Limited number of well managed mandis be allowed for the purpose of better and effective monitoring. Any new mandi should only be allowed after all the steps, as per these directions and SOPs are ensured.
- vi. Atleast one model Mandi be established at each district / Tehsil according to the directions at the earliest which could be emulated / followed by others.
- vii. DHO would keep medial team for Mandis for any Covid-19 testing required for any reported suspected case from amongst management/workers/sellers/buyers at Mandi. Such team will be kept ready for deployment/use on directions of Deputy Commissioner or other authorized officer.

C. DIRECTIONS FOR LAYOUT

- i. In view of covid-19 situation the layout of cattle mandi should ensure organized and managed flow of persons, vehicles and animals to guarantee safe distancing between persons and persons and animals.
- ii. There should be specified entry and exit points properly manned by security / Mandi administration personnel to ensure entry according to SOPs as well as movement/flow of persons in organized manner inside mandi premises.
- iii. **The layout** could be in a U-shaped form with entry at one end of U, flow of buyers along U and exit at the other end of U. At the entry / exit side (Upper side of U) should be a public/buyer vehicles parking place as well as vehicles for taking away bought animal. At the lower end /base of U could be sellers transport vehicles parking / movement to bring in animals/ animal food. The animals would be stationed inside of U space (small animals) and out side of U (big animals) along with their sellers. The buyers will be moving along U itself. The distances would be according to the size of market / mandi so that a safe distance of over 3 feet (ideally 6 feet) is maintained between visitors/buyers and other persons all the time (rough sketch is attached at the end of this order for the guidance of all concerned).
- iv. All the areas should be clearly marked with sign boards and markings for directions and flow/ movement of vehicles and persons.



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- v. Dedicated staff be deputed for ensuring flow of public, sellers, animals as well as vehicles and parking with proper guidance and markings.
- vi. There shall be a district management representative and representative from Police at the mandi all the time / round the clock to oversee and report to District Administration.
- vii. CCTV camera at entry/exit points as well as inside mandi in addition to those at other places may be installed along with display at management desk where district administration representative will sit. The recording of the same may be ensured for use later, if needed. At remote rural areas, periodic video recording may be arranged by district administration for monitoring and record purpose and for any corrective/punitive action required.
- viii. Place for Veterinary staff / Veterinary shall be specially earmarked for checking and ensuring animal related diseases especially those that spread from animal to humans like Congo virus etc.
- ix. Place for Doctor / medical staff with first aid treatment shall be ensured at site of Mandi. This place would also be utilized for Medical team to take Covid-19 samples if indicated / suspected in any management/worker/seller/buyer.
- x. There should also be a waiting area as well as a place for those who are suspected of Covid-19 on screening / symptoms who should undergo Covid testing.

D. DIRECTIONS FOR PERSONS VISITING AND THE PERSONS WHO SHOULD NOT VISIT / AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY

- i. Wearing of face mask is mandatory.
- ii. No person should be allowed entry inside who is not wearing face mask.
- iii. No unnecessary / extra persons coming in groups for purchasing single animals.
- iv. All those suffering from flu, flu like symptoms, fever, dry cough and body aches must not visit and must seek medical advice.
- v. Children under 15 and persons over age of 55 years as well as those with comorbidities (Blood Pressure, Sugar, Kidney or other chronic illnesses must not visit.
- vi. It's the responsibility of Mandi management to report for action against person not following SOPs and not following advice of management.

E. DIRECTIONS FOR ORGANIZERS/ HOLDER OF MANDIS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY

- i. Shall give undertaking / display at entrance at prominent place that all Covid-19 related SOPs are in place and being ensured.
- ii. Ensure proper layout in accordance with directions at section 'C' above.
- iii. The workers and staff should be properly briefed on the Covid-19 and spread of disease and the required precautions against the disease as well as symptoms of the disease
- iv. The workers/sellers/staff who have such Covid-19 like symptoms should be prevented from coming to Mandi.
- v. Keep close liason with Committee under DC concerned for ensuring coordinated working of all concerned and for any necessary action that may be required for implementing SOPs.
- vi. Display at prominent places the instructions and awareness posters in Urdu, Sindhi and English (as per language commonly read/understood) for workers and



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- staff and at entrance for the visitors/ customers. Where necessary pictorial version of instructions and awareness posters may be used for labour class.
- vii. Arrange/ keep functional public address system / loud speaker at Management kiosk / area for use for crowd management, SOPs guidelines etc when required.
 - viii. The practice of handshake and greetings by physical contact in any manner should be actively discouraged among worker/staff.
 - ix. Thermal guns are to be provided and used at the entrance to screen the entrants.
 - x. Maintain register to enter particulars of those screened as suspected positive for Covid for further follow up by medical teams.
 - xi. Not allow Persons with high temperature or flue like symptoms and cough or person not wearing mask.
 - xii. Not allow persons who are high risk as at Section 'D' above.
 - xiii. Entry & Exit points and inside mandi should be properly managed with sufficient staff.
 - xiv. Sufficient availability of hand-sanitizers or ideally hand washing facility to be ensured at the entrance/ exit gates as well as in the office/workplace for all the staff/workers to use.
 - xv. Trained medical staff/ doctor for screening etc must be deployed at site.
 - xvi. Ensure that only minimal essential staff and seller is present inside mandi/market.
 - xvii. No employee or worker or seller over the age of 55 is called for work/ allowed.
 - xviii. Floor markings and dedicated staff to ensure proper queuing of customers/ workers/ labourers is required so as to ensure proper queuing with distance between the persons.
 - xix. All the waste from any process is to be properly disposed off and in no case it should be thrown out in open.
 - xx. Report to District administration LEAs if any person violating SOPs is not following the advice on SOPs for Covid-19 prevention.
- It shall be the responsibility of Cattle Market Manager / Contractor to ensure compliance of directions, as well as other applicable directions issued by Government from time to time.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

- i. Special arrangements by Livestock department for deputing staff for checking against Congo and relevant animal diseases is required.
- ii. **Guidelines for Public for prevention against Congo Virus** which spreads from animals to humans.
 - a. Wear light coloured clothes, shoes/ socks.
 - b. Check yourself if any ticks (that carry the virus)
 - c. Check animal at time of buying and also later at home to see there are no ticks.
 - d. During Qurbani cover nose and mouth so that blood splashed does not enter.
 - e. After Qurbani keep the hide / skin of animal away from meat and meat cutting site, keep hands clean while handling meat and don't touch face without washing hands.

Any person / Mandi licensee / manager / seller or buyer or any person engaged in activity related to Cattle Mandi found violating any of the directions (sections B to E of this order) including violation of relevant SOPs issued by the Government from time to time on prevention of Covid-19 shall be liable for action in accordance with law as per section 4 of Sindh Epidemic Disease Control Act 2014. Any such violation on part of the holder of



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Mandi, shall have the permission for holding such Mandi revoked in addition to other action under relevant and applicable laws.

Secretaries of respective departments viz. Local Government, Livestock etc departements who are entrusted with regulation/control of respective activities/function related to above as well as respective divisional Commissioners are empowered under Section 3(1) of said Act to issue further orders, directions, notices to put this order into effect in letter and spirit and to clarify further for implementation purpose (but not allow what is not permitted or disallow what is permitted). Any such order/direction/notice is to be issued by fully taking onboard the respective Law enforcing Agencies / Police to ensure proper implementation mechanism.

A team of officers / inspectors of District Administration, Local Government department duly authorized by Deputy Commissioners or Secretaries concerned may check the place at any time for compliance of the directions & SOPs issued by Government.

Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Local Government Officer concerned as well as personnel of Law Enforcement Agencies not below the rank of Inspector Police (or of equivalent rank for other Law Enforcement Agencies are empowered under Section 3(1) of the said Act to take any legal action on any Act in contravention of this order or directions/notices issued there under. Further legal action can also be taken under relevant applicable laws.


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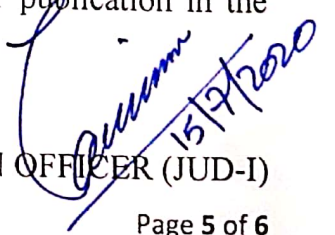
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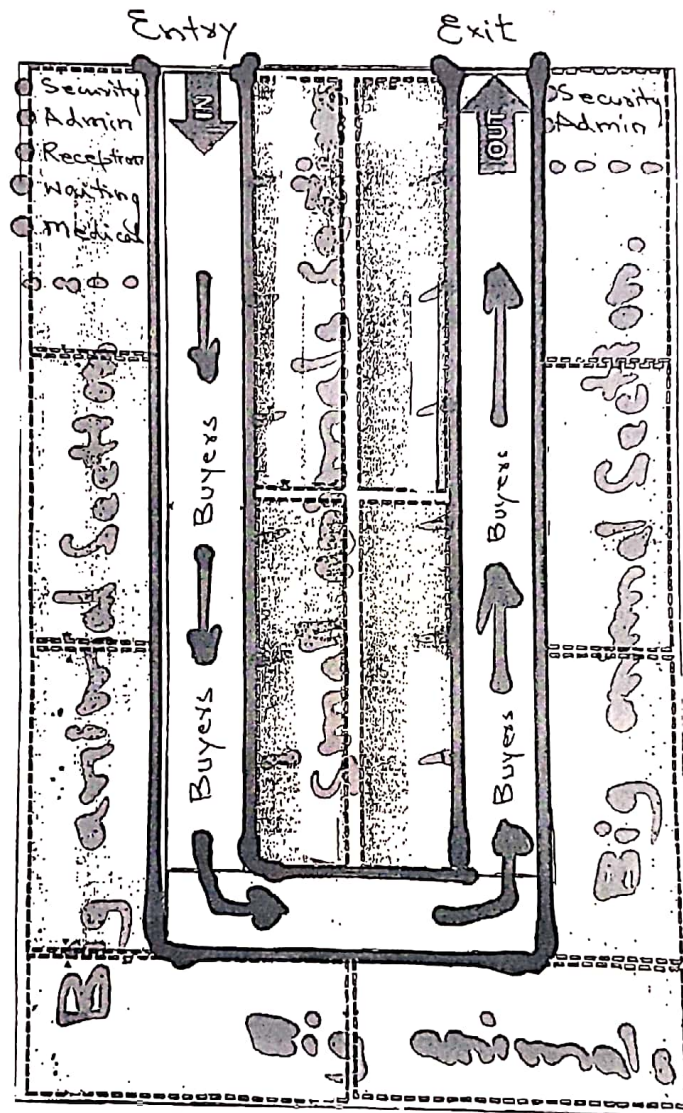
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- Vehicles for transporting out animals by buyers



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vehicles:

- Bringing in animals | animal feed