No.F.13 (1-19)-DFWPM/FSSA /2020 Government of Tripura Directorate of Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine

Dated, Agartala, the 22 sep, 2021.

To

The Designated Officer's (District Health Officers)

Office of the Chief Medical Officer,

West (Agartala)/Sepahijala (Bishalgarh)/Gomati (Udaipur)/ Khowai/South (Belonia)/ Dhalai (Ambassa)/Unakoti (Kailashahar)/North (Dharmanagar).

Sub: - Direction under Section 18 (2) (d) read with Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding operationalisation of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2021 relating to limit of naturally occurring formaldehyde in freshwater and marine fish-req.

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of FSSAI letter vide No.Std/SP-10/T(Formaldehyde), dated 13th September, 2021 from Inoshi Sharma, Executive Director (CS), FSSAI, New Delhi, on the subject cited above which will speak for itself.

This is for your kind information & necessary action.

Enclo: - As stated.

Joint Food Safety Commissioner (Ex Officio Jt. Secretary & Director of Family Welfare & PM)

Copy to:-

- 1. The Executive Director (CS), FSSAI, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 for kind information.
- 2. The Director, Eastern & North Easter Region, FSSAI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Benfish Tower, 31 GN Block, 6th Floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091 for kind information.
- 3. All Food Safety Officers, West (Agartala)/ Gomati (Udaipur)/ Dhalai (Ambassa) for information & compliance.

Copy also forwarded to:-

- 1. The PS to the Food Safety Commissioner (Principal Secretary), Govt. of Tripura, Agartala for kind information of Food Safety Commissioner.
- 2. The Additional Secretary (Health), Govt. of Tripura for kind information.
- 3. The Dy. Food Safety commissioner, DFW&PM, Agartala for kind information.

Joint Food Safety Commissioner (Ex Officio Jt. Secretary & Director of Family Welfare & PM)

File No. Std/SP-10/T(Formaldehyde) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006) FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002.

The 13 September, 2021

Subject: Direction under Section 18 (2) (d) read with Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding operationalisation of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2021 relating to limit of naturally occurring formaldehyde in freshwater and marine fish.

In exercise of the power conferred under section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, FSSAI has framed draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2021 specifying the limit of naturally occurring formaldehyde in freshwater and marine fish and the same were operationalised on 10.02.2020 and subsequently re-operationalised on 21.08.2020 and 16.11.2020.

- 2. These draft regulations are in the process of being notified and the final regulations are likely to take some more time before being notified and enforced. Meanwhile, keeping in mind the public health interest and to ensure food safety and fair practices in food business operations, it has been decided to reoperationalise provisions of these regulations, enclosed herewith, with immediate effect.
- 3. The Food Business Operators shall follow these regulations and the enforcement of these regulations with immediate effect.
- 4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested under Section 18 (2) (d) and 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

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Notice for operationalisation of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2021 w.r.t. limit of naturally occurring formaldehyde in freshwater and marine fish.

- 1. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, hereby makes the following regulations operational with immediate effect. The Food business operators shall follow these regulations.
- 2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.6, after sub regulation 2.6.1, the following sub regulation shall be inserted namely-

"2.6.2. Limit of Formaldehyde-

(1) The amount of naturally occurring formaldehyde shall not exceed the limit prescribed in the column (3) for different species of fish as mentioned in the table given below: -

Table

Group & Species	mg/kg, Max.
Group - I (Marine)	
All finfishes (including Barracuda, Billfishes, Bombay Duck, Bullseyes, Catfishes, Croakers, Eels, Filefishes and Puffers, Flat fishes, Goatfishes, Groupers (Rock Cods), Half Beaks and Full Beaks, Horse Mackerel, Leather Jacket (Queen Fish), Mackerel, Mullets, Other Carangids, Other Clupeoids, Anchovies, Other Perches, Pigface Breams, Pomfrets, Ribbon Fish, Sardines, Seer Fishes/Spanish Mackerel, Silver Bellies/Biddies, Snappers, Tarpons, Threadfin Breams, Threadfins, Tuna and Bonitos, White Fish and any other commercial varieties), elasmobranchs, crustaceans and molluscs except those under Group III & IV	4.0
Group – II (Freshwater Origin)	
Finfishes (including Indian Major Carps, Minor Carps, Exotic Carps, Freshwater Catfishes, Snakeheads/Murrels, Tilapia, Trout and all other freshwater fin fishes), crustaceans and molluscans	
Group – III (Marine)	
Lizard fishes and any other marine fishes not covered under Group I	8.0
Group – IV (Frozen Stored marine fish products)	
All frozen stored marine fish products	100