

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(Department of Health)
NOTIFICATION New Delhi, the 4th April, 2001

G.S.R. 245(E).-Whereas the draft of certain rules further to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 were published as required by sub-section (1) of section 23 of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (37 of 1954) in the notification of Government of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health) number G.S.R. 775(E), dated the 6th October, 2000 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), dated the 6th October, 2000 inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby before the expiry of a period of twenty one days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette containing the said draft rules were made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the said Official were made available to the Public on 9th October, 2000;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public on the said draft rules have been considered by the Central Government;

Now therefore, exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 23 of the said Act, the Central Government, after consultation with the Central Committee for Food Standards, hereby makes the following rules further to amend the prevention of food Adulteration Rules, 1955, namely:

RULES

1. (1) These rules may be called the Prevention of Food Adulteration (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2001.

(2) They shall come into force after six month from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

2. In the prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955,-

(1) in rule 32,-

(A) in clause (b), after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided also that when any article of food contains whole or part of any animal including birds, fresh water or marine animals or eggs or product of any animal origin, but not including milk or milk products, as an ingredient, -

(a) a declaration to this effect shall be made by a symbol and colour code so stipulated for this purpose to indicate that the product is Non-Vegetarian Food. The symbol shall consist of a brown colour filled circle having a diameter not less than the minimum size specified in the Table given below, inside the square with brown outline having side double the diameter of the circle, as indicated in clause (16) of sub-rule (ZZZ) of rule 42

TABLE

S.No Area of Principal display panel Minimum size of diameter in mm

1. Upto 100 cms square 3

2. Above 100 cms square upto 500 cms square 4

3. Above 500 cms square upto 2500 cms 6

4. Above 2500 cms square 8

(b) the symbol shall be prominently displayed,-

(i) on the package having contrast background on principal display panel,

(ii) just close in proximity to the name or brand name of the product, and

(iii) on the labels, containers, pamphlets, leaflets, advertisements in any media;

Provided also that where any article of food contains egg only as Non-Vegetarian ingredient, the manufacturer, or packer or seller may give declaration to this effect in addition to the said symbol :

Provided further that the provisions of these rules shall not apply in respect of any Non-Vegetarian Food which is manufactured and packed without the symbol before the commencement of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2001.

(B) after Explanation VIII, the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely :-

Explanation IX - "Non-Vegetarian Food" means an article of food which contains whole or part of any animal including birds, fresh water or marine animals or eggs or products of any animal origin, but not including milk or milk products, as an ingredient."

(II) in rule 42, in sub-rule (ZZZ), after clause (15), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

(16) Every package of Non-Vegetarian Food shall bear the following symbol on the principal display panel just close in proximity to the name or brand name of food, namely:-

[No. P. 15014/12/99-PH (Food)]

DEEPAK GUPTA, Jt. Secy.

NOTE : The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 were published in Part II, Section 3 of Gazette of India vide S.R.O. 2105 dated 12-9-1955 and were last amended vide G.S.R. No. 165(E) dated 7-3-2001.