PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION (... AMENDMENT) RULES, 2006

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Department of Health)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 18th/20th May, 2006

*G.S.R. 298(E).- The following draft of certain rules further to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, which the Central Government, after consultation with the Central Committee for Food Standards, proposes to make, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (37 of 1954), is hereby published, as required by the said sub-section, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules will be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of this Official Gazette in which this notification is published, are made available to the public;

Objection or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110 011;

The objection and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period so specified, will be considered by the Central Government.

DRAFT RULES

- 1. (1) These rules may be called the **Prevention of Food Adulteration (... Amendment) Rules, 2006**.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. In the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, (hereinafter referred to as said rules), in rule 42, after sub-rule (ZZZ) (22), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"(ZZZ)(23) Every package of fresh fruit **if coated with wax** shall carry the following label, namely, -

"Coated with wax (give name of wax)	
Best before (date)."	

3. In rule 47, in the Table, against serial number 3 relating to Acesulfame Potassium, following entry shall be inserted after the existing entries in columns 3 and 4, namely:-

3	4
"cereal based beverages	500 ppm"

4. In rule 48-E, the following proviso shall be inserted at the end, namely:-

"Provided that fresh fruits may be coated with bees wax (white and yellow) or carnauba wax at level not exceeding GMP under proper label declaration as provided in sub-rule (ZZZ)(23) of rule 42."

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5. In rule 57-A, in the Table given under sub-rule (2), after the existing entries, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:-

Name of the Contaminants	Article of Food	Mg./Kg.
(1)	(2)	(3)
"Aflatoxin M1	Milk	0.5
Patulin	Apple juice & Apple juice ingredients in other beverages	50
Ochratoxin A	Wheat, barley & rye	20"

- 6. In Appendix B of the said rule, -
 - (i) In item A. 26.05 relating to Indigo Carmine, in the Table, under column 3 relating to Requirements, for the entries against serial numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

SI. No.	Characteristics	Requirements
(1)	(2)	(3)
"3.		0.2
4.		0.2
5.		1.0
6.		0.5"

(ii) in item A.26.06 relating to β-Carotene, for the entries -

"Maximum limit of metallic impurities shall be, -

Arsenic (as As) 5 p.p.m.

Lead (as Pb) 20 p.p.m.", the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Maximum limit of metallic impurities shall be:-

Arsenic (as As) 3 p.p.m. Lead (as Pb) 10 p.p.m. Heavy metal 40 p.p.m.

and shall also meet the following requirements:-

- (i) Subsidiary colouring matter, percent by weight, Max. -3;
- (ii) Sulphated ash, percent of total colouring matters, Max. 0.1";
- (iii) in item A.26.07 relating to Chlorophyll,
 - (a) in the para relating to maximum limits for metallic impurities for the entries against Arsenic (as As) and Lead (as Pb), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Arsenic (as As) 3 p.p.m. Lead (as Pb) 10 p.p.m."; (b) the following shall be inserted at the end, namely:-

"The material shall also conform to the following requirements:-

Chlorophyll - magnesium complex

SI. No.	Characterstics	Requirements
1.	Total combined phaeophytines and their magnesium complexes, percent by weight, max.	10
2.	Residual solvents, mg/kg, Max. Acetone, methanol, ethanol, propan-2 ol, hexane Dichloromethane	50 10"

(iv) in item A.26.11 relating to Ponceau 4R, in the Table, for the entries under column 3 against Serial number 1, 3 and 4, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

Sl. No.	Characterstics	Requirements
(1)	(2)	(3)
"1.		85
3.		0.2
4.		0.2"

- 7. in Appendix C of the said rules, in Table 3, -
 - (i) after column 9, the following new column and heading shall be inserted, namely:-

"Antioxidants 10"

- (ii) in serial no. 6 relating Flavour Emulsion, Flavour Paste (for carbonated and non-carbonated water only) -
 - (a) under column 4, the following entry shall be inserted, namely:-

"Benzoic Acid including salt thereof - GMP";

(b) under column 5, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:-

"Edible gums (arabic and gum ghatti), glycerol esters of wood rosins (ester gum) - GMP "

(c) under column 10 as so inserted by (i) above, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:-

"TBHQ (tertiary butyl hydroquinone and BHA (butylated hydroxyl anisole) - maximum 0.01 percent".

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Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India vide notification number S.R.O. 2106 dated the 12th September, 1955 and subsequently amended vide notification number G.S.R. 8(E) dated the 9th January, 2006.
