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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)

Regulatory Compliance Division

FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi - 110002

Dated, the 13th October 2021

Subject: Enforcement drive to check the malpractices/adulteration in the manufacturing and sale of Black Salt – reg.

Sir/Madam,

This office is in receipt of complaints vide which concerns have been raised that the manufacturers of black salt may be using inferior quality of raw salt (below 96% Nacl content) and artificial chemical colours during black salt production.

2. In this regard, it is requested to strictly monitor the manufacturing and sale of Black Salt under your respective jurisdictions by directing the concerned officers to carry out surprise inspections and drawing of regulatory samples to ensure that the raw material used is not of inferior quality and no adulteration of black salt is being carried out in any manner at the manufacturing premises while ensuring that the final product meets the laid down food products standards.

Further, in case there is any *prima facie* indication of any adulteration/malpractice in the production and/or sale of black salt in the premises/market, suitable necessary action as deemed fit may be initiated against the defaulting FBOs as per the provisions laid down under FSS Act, 2006, Rule/Regulations made thereunder, including drawing of enforcement samples as required.

3. The action taken report on the same may be shared with this office by the end of November 2021.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,

(Inoshi Sharma)

Executive Director (Regulatory Compliance)

To,

- 1. All Commissioners of Food Safety of states
- 2. Directors of all Regional Offices, FSSAI
- 3. All Central Licensing Authorities
- 4. CITO- for uploading on the website

Copy for information to:

- 1. PPS to Chairperson, FSSAI
- 2. PS to CEO, FSSAI
- 3. Shri. Commodore Kamlesh Kumar (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director Hindustan Salts Limited, G-229 Sitapura Industrial Area, Jaipur-302022