National Workshop

On

“Food Safety & Standards Act-The Step Forward”

Thursday, July 15, 2010

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Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

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Food Safety & Standards Act- The Step Forward

Historically, in India multiple laws and regulations prescribed various standards regarding food. However, due to variations in the specifications/standards and the spread of different regulations in various Ministries/Departments of the Government, there were several difficulties in implementation of the regulations. The food industry was facing immense problem as different products were governed by different orders and there was limited scope for innovations and development. The country needed the consolidation of the food laws.

Food Safety & Standards Act-2006

Food Safety & Standards Act-2006 is an act to integrate food laws, to serve as a single reference point for implementation of food regulations and scientific developments of standards. Under this Act, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been established for laying down science-based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import, to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

Genetically modified foods, organic foods, functional foods, nutraceuticals and proprietary foods shall also be regulated by this Act. Labeling requirements and advertising norms will also be developed in the interest of the consumers.

There is a provision for FSSA to establish various Scientific Panels such as: (a) Food additives, flavourings, processing aids and materials in contact with food; (b) Pesticides and antibiotics residues; (c) Genetically modified organisms and foods; (d) Functional foods, nutraceuticals, dietetic products and other similar products; (e) Biological hazards; (f) Contaminants in the food chain; (g) Labeling; and (h) Methods of sampling and analysis. These panels have already been constituted.

Labeling, Claims and Proprietary Foods

Labeling of food products is an important bridge between the producers and consumers. It is important that the necessary information about the food product is made available to the consumers. Information regarding nutrition, shelf-life, weights/measures, food additives, storage conditions, type of food (veg/non veg) etc. are important. Also if any products intend to make any health claim the same should be expressed clearly and supported by adequate detail. It is desirable that only guidelines are developed to adopt good labeling procedures and defining of health claims.

This will help bring about uniformity, clarity and simplicity in labeling and avoid confusion in implementing the regulation. It is important to prevent misleading health claims which finally create mistrust between the consumer and the industry.

Similarly, to give the consumer wider options on product variety, product development/innovation are required. Product innovation is a global phenomenon and we need regulation which can channelize the same. Therefore, permission for use of certain food additives needs to be established. Further, it is humanly not possible, neither desirable to prefix product formulations. All such foods for which standards are not prescribed are termed as Proprietary Foods. We need to provide adequate opportunity to food processors to develop and produce proprietary foods within the ambit of food safety norms.

India is a vast, multi-cultural society having immensely rich varieties of cuisines. We need to encourage our traditional products. Perhaps that would be India’s strength in times to come.

Food Additives

An important aspect of food standards relates to the use of food additives. The type of additive to be used and their quantities are of importance. Detailed studies have been carried out in the world regarding the use of food additives and well developed standards are also available internationally e.g. Food Act USFDA, EU, ANZAF etc. We need to adopt the same and extend the scope of use of different food additives in our products. We shall require to evaluate the use of new food additives in a scientific manner.

Besides, the permissible limits of food additives, we also need to focus on the quality of the same and their production process. Risk assessment studies will be required for adopting new food additives.

We also need to decide appropriate labeling of certain food additives, particularly when the product is meant for infants or for special application. This will be a major scientific aspect to be examine by the Food Authority.

Food Safety Management System (FSMS), Licensing and Registration of Food Business

Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) is intended to provide safe use food and to ensure that there are no weak links in the process. FSMS is being adopted by many food business operators to analyze and establish measures to prevent possible hazards to safety of food.

We need to develop awareness and concern in the entire food chain regarding ensuring safety of food. Adoption of FSMS is imperative to reach higher product standards and develop confidence in consumers. We need to orient the industry to adopt appropriate food safety measures and obtain accreditation for the same to become self compliant. The Authority needs to develop appropriate guidelines and module to promote food safety systems.

To improve the level of commitment the Authority has already framed licensing and registration regulations for Food Business Operators which include mandatory norms of food safety systems. However, there are various issues and difficulties in following the same which would be discussed during the Workshop so as to reach the best solutions for each operational problem.

Labeling, Claims and Proprietary Foods
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Venue: Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Thursday, July 15, 2010

REGISTRATION : 9.00 hrs.
INAUGURAL SESSION : 9.30 – 11.00 hrs.
WELCOME ADDRESS : Sh. Piruz Khambatta, President, AIFPA
INTRODUCTION TO THEME : Dr. S. Jindal, Past President, AIFPA
KEYNOTE ADDRESS : Dr. Samir K. Brahmachari, DG, CSIR & Secretary, DSIR
INAUGURAL ADDRESS : Sh. P.I. Suvrathan, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, FSSAI
VOTE OF THANKS : Sh. N.M. Kejriwal, Chairman, Organising Committee, AIFPA

TEA: 11.00 – 11.15 hrs.

TECHNICAL SESSION-I (11:15 – 13:30 hrs.)
“LABELING, CLAIMS AND PROPRIETARY FOODS”

Chairman : Dr. B. Sesikeran, Director, NIN, Hyderabad
Co-Chairman : Mr. Gokul Patnaik, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Global Agri Business Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
Lead Speaker : Dr. Dhir Singh, A.D.G., FSSAI, New Delhi

Topics

Claims
  * Mr. Shaminder Pal Singh, VP, Regulatory & Scientific Affairs, Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon
Proprietary Foods
  * Mr. G. Selvarajan, Managing Director, Mc Rennet Foods Pvt. Ltd, Chennai
Labeling
  * Dr. A. K. Tyagi, Director, Haldirams, New Delhi

Interactive Session (Dr. J.N. Kushawaha, V.P.-Operations, Bikanervala Foods Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi)


TECHNICAL SESSION-II (14:15 – 15:15 hrs.)
“FOOD ADDITIVES”

Chairman : Dr. A. S. Bawa Director, DFRL, Mysore
Co-Chairman : Dr. S.K. Saxena, Director, Export Inspection Council, New Delhi
Lead Speaker : Ms. Parna Dasgupta, Amarchand Mangaldas Co., New Delhi

Topics

Food Additives-Indian Perspective
  * Dr. S. N. Bhat, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs Manager, Nestle India Ltd., Gurgaon
Food Additives-International Perspective
  * Dr. Jasvir Singh, Manager Scientific & Regulatory Affairs, ITC Foods Ltd, New Delhi

Interactive Session (Dr. Himanshu Gupta, Manager-Corporate Affairs, Nestle India Ltd., Gurgaon)
TECHNICAL SESSION-III (15:15  16:15 hrs.)

"FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF FOOD BUSINESS"

Chairman  : Mr. Girdhar J. Gyani, Secretary General, QCI
Co-Chairman : Mr. Sanjay Khajuria, V.P., Nestle India Ltd.
Lead Speaker : S.B. Dongre, Director, FSSAI

Topics

Speakers

FSMS-ISO Standards  
*  Ms. Mona Malhotra Chopra, Member, AIFPA, New Delhi

Licensing & Registration including GMP/GHP  
*  Mr. Sunil Adsule, Sr. Manager, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs, Coca-Cola, Gurgaon

FSMS-Industry Perspective*  
*  Mr. Ashish Gaur, Manager (Food Services), Intertek, New Delhi

Interactive Session (Dr. S. Jindal, Chairman, Excelsior Foods & Chem. Indus., New Delhi)

VALEDICTORY SESSION ( 16:30  17:30 hrs.)

Chief Guest  : Shri V. N. Gaur, IAS., CEO, FSSAI, New Delhi
Chairman  : Dr. K. L. Gaba, Chairman, T&FRAC - AIFPA, New Delhi
Panelists  : Chairmen of all the Technical Sessions
Vote of Thanks  : Mr. Amit Dhanuka, Vice President, AIFPA, New Delhi

OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSION

HIGH TEA: 17:30hrs

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Sub: - Registration for the National Workshop

Dear Sir,

We wish to inform you that we have nominated the following person(s) to participate in the National Workshop on “Food Safety & Standards Act-The Step Forward” to be held on 15th July 2010 at New Delhi

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Registration Fee:- A nominal Registration Fee of Rs. 1000/- per participant has been kept

We enclose a Demand Draft No. /Cheque No. ................................... dated ..................... Towards the Registration Fee drawn in favour of “All India Food Processors’ Association” payable at New Delhi.

Yours truly,

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MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING & INDUSTRIES
PANCHSHEEL BHAWAN, AUGUST KRANTI MARG,
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, set up in July 1988, is the main central agency of the Government responsible for developing a strong and vibrant food processing sector; with a view to create increased job opportunities in rural areas, enable the farmers to reap benefit from modern technology, create surplus for exports and stimulating demand for processed food.

Goals & Objectives of MOFPI!

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is the nodal agency of the Government of India for processed foods and is responsible for developing a strong and vibrant food processing sector with emphasis on the following:
- Stimulating demand for appropriate processed foods.
- Achieving maximum value addition and by-product utilization.
- Creating increased job opportunities particularly in rural areas.
- Enabling farmers to reap the benefits of modern technology.
- Creating surpluses for exports.
- Better utilization and value addition of agricultural produce for enhancement of income of farmers.
- Minimizing wastage at all stages in the food processing chain by the development of infrastructure for storage, transportation and processing of agro-food produce.
- Induction of modern technology into the food processing industries from both domestic and external sources.
- Maximum utilization of agricultural residues and by-products of the primary agricultural produce as also of the processed industry.
- To encourage R&D in food processing for product and process development and improved packaging.
AIFPA—AN ASSOCIATION OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

All India Food Processors' Association (AIFPA) was established in the year 1943 by some highly motivated and visionary processors mainly processing fruits and vegetables. Subsequently the association took in its fold food processors from other sectors of the industry and now it has in its a cream Food Processors processing of Fruits & Vegetables, Meat and poultry, Fish, Milk & Milk products, cereals and pulses manufacturing wide range of food products. These include juices and nectars, jams and jellies, breads, biscuits and confectionery, various milk products, ready-to-eat food, sweets and confectionary, various ethnic delicacies etc. Member Industries account for a large percentage of the total production of this industry in India as well as that of total exports of processed food products.

MISSION OF AIFPA

The prime objectives of the Association include the following:-

(a) To promote, encourage and support Indian Food Processing Industries and raise the technical standards of product quality to match global standards.

(b) To seek redressal of the problems of the food industry that impedes growth.

(c) To collect, classify and circulate statistics and other information relating to Food Processing Industries, Agri-Exports etc.

(d) To encourage and finance research projects to study technical problems relating to the Industry.

(e) To conduct, promote and finance market research/market studies in India and abroad on processed food products.

(f) To render technical, social and financial help to families of disabled or deceased technical consultants, scientists, food technologists, experts in agriculture, horticulture, and marketing etc. as related to Food Processing Industry.

(g) To institute Awards and Scholarships to encourage scientists, food technologists, administrators, consultants and executives who help in the growth and development of the Food Processing Industry.

(h) To publish a bimonthly Journal i.e. "Indian Food Packer" as a non-profit activity, which aims to keep the food processing Units abreast of the latest worldwide developments in Food Processing Industries.

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THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (FSSAI)

It has been established under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 which consolidates various acts & orders that have hitherto handled food related issues in various Ministries and Departments. FSSAI has been created for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS ACT, 2006

No. 34 OF 200
[23rd August, 2006]

An Act to consolidate the laws relating to food and to establish the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import, to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Act received the assent of the President on 23rd August, 2006, and is hereby published for general information.

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