PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

FOOD ACT No.26 OF 1980

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under section 32 of the Food Act No. 26 of 1980.

Nimal Siripala De Silva
Minister of Healthcare, Nutrition & Uva Wellassa Development

Colombo
05 August, 2005

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations – 2005 and shall come into operation on 31st of December, 2005.

2. Iodized edible common salt shall be in the form of ordinary salt obtained by washing off its impurities and adding thereto the ingredients of potassium iodide, potassium iodate or calcium iodate which contains sodium chloride content of not less than ninety seven percentum (97%) by weight on a dry matter basis:

   Provided however, that suitable stabilizing agents shall be used if potassium iodide has been used for iodization of salt.

3. Iodized edible common salt shall be crystallized solids in granular or powdered form and white in color, free from visible impurities such as clay, grit, shells and other extraneous matters.

4. Eighty percentum (80%) by weight percent of the iodized edible common salt in granular form should be capable of passing through sieve, with an aperture of 4.75 mm (B.S.4).

5. Iodized edible common salt shall comply with the following requirements:-
(a) The level of moisture in such salt shall be less than six percentum (6%) by weight;

(b) Matter insoluble in water, on dry basis shall be less than half percentum (6%) by weight;

(c) Sodium chloride (NaCl) content on dry basis shall be not less than ninety seven percentum (97%) by weight;

(d) Matters soluble in water other than sodium chloride on dry basis shall be less than two percentum (2%) by weight; and

(e) The iodine (I) content of salt, on dry basis, shall be not less than fifteen mg per kilogram (15 mg/kg) of the salt and not more than (30mg/kg) of the salt.

6. The iodized edible common salt shall be packed in transparent containers. Where the packing material is polythene, the thickness shall be not less than 75 micrometers:

Provided however, that the provisions of this regulation shall not apply to iodized edible common salt in free-flowing powdered form in containers used as table-top sprinklers.


(b) There shall be printed on the label on the any package containing iodized edible common salt in any two of the three languages namely Sinhala, Tamil and English of the following:-

(i) the common name of the product as “Iodized Edible Common Salt” or “Iodated Edible Common Salt”;

(ii) the words “use without washing”;

(iii) the words “store away from sunlight and heat”.

8. No person shall manufacture, import, store for sale, sell, offer for sale, expose or keep for sale, transport or distribute any type of edible common salt other than iodized or iodated common salt for purposes of human consumption, including salt used as an ingredient of food and for food manufacture.

Provided however, the provisions of this regulation shall not apply to the use of common salt for industrial purposes under the authority of a permit issued by the Chief Food Authority after registration of such industry with the Chief Food Authority.

9. An application for a permit under regulation 8 shall be made in the prescribed Form set out in Schedule I to these regulations.

10. A permit issued under regulation 9 shall be substantially in the Form set out in Schedule II to these regulations.

SCHEDULE 1

The Director General of Health Services,
(Chief Food Authority),
Department of Health Services,
385, Ven. Baddegama Wimalawansa Mawatha,
Colombo 10.

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO PURCHASE / IMPORT / TRANSPORT COMMON SALT FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

1. Full name of Applicant:________________,
2. Address:________________,
3. Type / Name of Industry:___________________,
4. Business Registration No.:_________________,
   (attach a photocopy of the certificate of the registration)
5. Name of products manufactured:___________________,
   (Ex. Iodated Salt / others)
6. Percentage of common salt used as an ingredient in the product:____________________,
7. Reasons why iodized common salt should not be / need not be used:________________,,
8. Quantity applied for :____________________,

Date:____________________,     Signature of Applicant

For office use only

Certificate of the Food & Drugs Inspector

1. I have duly inspected the premises where the applicant is carrying on the above industry and verified his declarations.
2. The declarations furnished by the applicant are true and accurate.
3. Applicant requires …………… kgs of common salt …………………... months for the successful operation of his / her industry.
4. Remarks

Date:                           Food & Drugs Inspector

Official Seal
Recommendation of the AD/FCAU

Recommended / Not Recommended.

Date:        Assistant Director – (FCAU)

Approval of the Director (E and OH)

Approved / Not Approved.

Date:        Director (E&OH)
SCHEDULE II

[Regulation 10]

PERMIT TO PURCHASE / IMPORT / TRANSPORT COMMON SALT FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

Mr./Mrs./Miss.....................................................................................................................of ............................................................................................................................
........................................................................................................... bearer of National Identity Card No. ........................................ being the....................................... of the industry named.................................................................situated at .........................................................................................................................is hereby granted permission in terms of Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations – 2005, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1405/3 of August 11, 2005 to purchase / import / transport / store ............................................................................................................... kgs of common salt for use in connection with his / her industry, referred to above.

Director – E&OH
For Chief Food Authority

Date:

Note:

1. This permit is valid for purchase / import / transport / store only one consignment salt specified in the permit. Any salt manufacturer issuing the said quantity of salt should indicate the quantity of salt issued to the permit holder on the body of the relevant permit in indelible ink and indicate the date of issue. In the case of imported salt, the permit should be produced at the Imported Food Inspection Unit for verification and endorsement at the time of clearance.

2. If the consignment of salt purchased / imported is not transported on the same day, endorsement to that effect should be made on the body of the relevant permit by the organization issuing salt or in the case of imported salt, by the official of the Imported Food Inspection Unit. A permit without such endorsement is not valid for transport of salt on days other than the day purchased or cleared from the port.