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File No.:RCD-15001/9/2023-Regulatory-FSSAI-Part(1) 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 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2023

To,

- 1. The Commissioners of Food Safety of all States/UT's
- 2. All Regional Directors of FSSAI

**Subject:** Monitoring the sale of fresh fruit & vegetables, for presence of pesticides residues, non-permitted wax coating, no n-permitted artificial ripener and artificial colours, in the market-reg.

Madam/sir,

This is continuation to the directions/letters issued regarding 'Request for action against unauthorized use of artificial fruit ripening agents' RCD-15001/6/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI-Part-2 (E-1788), dated 03.04.2023 and 'Monitoring the sale of fresh Fruits and Vegetables in the Markets Reg.' vide no. RCD-02005/1/2023-Regulatory-FSSAI, dated 24.07.2023. Copies of the same are enclosed for your ready reference.

In the above context, to curb the menace of excess use of pesticides, non-permitted wax coating, non-permitted artificial ripener and artificial colours, it is again requested to keep strict vigil in your State/UT on FBO's who are engaged in manufacturing / re-packing fresh / surface treated / minimally processed Fruits & Vegetables. Therefore, surveillance / enforcement activities may be undertaken from time to time in a planned manner to ensure that the Fruit & Vegetables being sold under your jurisdictions comply with the provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 or of any Rules or Regulations made thereunder.

In addition to the above, awareness building measures through Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities under Eat Right India Initiatives may be conducted from time to time to educate the FBOs and consumers about the above issues. Issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

> Yours faithfully, SD/-(Rakesh Kumar) Director (Regulatory Compliance)

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> **Notification No.44/2023** Dated: 20th November, 2023

Subject: Amendment in import policy condition of Gold under HS Code 71081200 under Chapter 71 of Schedule-I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022.

S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 and Section 5 of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends the import policy condition for ITC (HS) code 71081200 of Chapter 71 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy), with Immediate effect, as under:

ITC (HS) Code & Description	Policy	Existing Policy Condition	Revised Policy Condition
71081200 — Other unwrought forms	Restricted	Import is allowed only through nominated agencies as notified by RBI (In case of banks), DGFT (for other agencies) and IFSCA (for qualified jewellers through India International Bullion Exchange)  Gold Dore can be imported by refineries against an import license with AU condition.	<ol> <li>Import is allowed through:         <ul> <li>Nominated agencies as notified by RBI (in case of banks) or nominated agencies notified DGFT (for other agencies)</li> <li>Qualified Jeweller (as notified by IFSCA) through India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX);</li> </ul> </li> <li>Valid India-UAE TRQ holders as notified by IFSCA can import gold through IIBX against the TRQ and can obtain physical delivery of the same through IFSCA registered vaults located in SEZs as per the guidelines prescribed by the IFSCA.</li> <li>Gold Dore can be imported by refineries against an import licence with Actual User (AU) condition.</li> </ol>

Effect of the Notification: Valid India-UAE TRQ holders as notified by IFSCA can import gold through IIBX against the TRQ and can obtain physical delivery of the same through IFSCA registered vaults located in SEZs as per the guidelines prescribed by the IFSCA.

This issue with the approval of Minister of Commerce & Industry.

Sd/-(Santosh Kumar Sarangi)

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**Notification No.45/2023** New Delhi, Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023

**Subject:** Imposition of Minimum Export Price on Export of Onions

S.O.(E) In supersession of Notification No.42/2023 dated 28/10/2023 [S.O.4719(E)] and in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 read with section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 (No.22 of 1992), as amended, read with Para 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, the Central Government hereby amends the Export Policy of Onions in Chapter 07 of Schedule 2 of the ITC (HS) Export Policy, as under:

Tariff item HS Code	Unit	Item description	Export Policy	Policy Condition
0703 10 19	KG	Onions:	Free	Subject to a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US \$ 800 F.O.B. Per Metric Ton (MT), till 31st December, 2023."

- 2. The Notification will come into immediate effect.
- 3. The following consignments of Onions will be allowed to be exported without MEP:
- i. Where onions consignment has been handed over to the Customs before 29th October, 2023 (the date from which the Notification No.42/2023 dated 28/102023 [S.O.4719(E)] came into effect) and is registered in their system / where onions consignment has entered the Customs station for exportation before this Notification and is registered in the electronic systems of the concerned Custodian of the Customs Station with verifiable evidence of date and time stamping of these commodities having entered the Customs Station prior to 29th October, 2023 (the date from which the Notification No.42/2023 dated 28/10/2023 [S.O.4719(E)] came into effect). The period of export shall be upto 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.
- ii. Export duty has been paid before the issuance of this Notification. Such export duty is non refundable.

### 4. **Effect of this Notification:**

Export of onions is 'Free'. Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US \$ 800 F.O.B. per Metric Ton (MT) is imposed till 31st December, 2023. Notification No.42/2023 dated 28/10/2023 [S.O.4719(E)] is superseded.

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