

ABSTRACT

Prohibition and Excise - Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018 - Notification issued - Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Supply by Wholesale) Rules, 1983 under the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act \overline{X} of 1937) - Orders Issued - Regarding.

HOME, PROHIBITION AND EXCISE (VIII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms). No. 28

Date: 27.08.2019

விகாரி, ஆவணி 10 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2050

Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms) No. 500, Prohibition and Excise, dated: 25.06.1983.
- 2. From the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Letter No. P&E V(1)/7950/18, dated 26.04.2019 and 31.05.2019.

ORDER:-

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise in the reference second cited has stated that the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India have notified the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018 on the standards specified for distilled and un-distilled alcoholic beverages with effect from 01.04.2019.

2. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise has also stated that under the para 5.12 of the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018, there shall be a statutory warning printed in English Language or in their local or regional language without repeating the English version and the size of statutory warning shall not be less than 3 mm as mentioned below:-

"CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS INJURIOUS TO HEALTH"

"BE SAFE - DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE"

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- 3. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise has further informed that a transition period was given to Food Business Operators up to 01.04.2019 based upon the discussions held in the 13th meeting of Scientific Panel on Water and Beverages held on 15.01.2019 and concluded that,—
 - (i) For Alcoholic Beverages having pack size up to 200 ml, the font size of statutory warning shall be not less than 1.5 mm;
 - (ii) For Alcoholic Beverages having pack size above 200 ml, the font size of statutory warning shall be not less than 3 mm.
- 4. Further, the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise has stated that the FSSAI have insisted to keep the text of statutory warning in the square box uniform across the country as stipulated under Para 5.12 of the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018 as mentioned below:-

"CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS INJURIOUS TO HEALTH"

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- 5. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise has, therefore, requested the Government to issue the following amendment to Rule 22 of the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Supply by Wholesale) Rules, 1983, so as to ensure that the rules are in conformity with the standards given by FSSAI.
- 6. Accordingly, the following Notification shall be published in the <u>Tamil Nadu Government Gazette:-</u>

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 54 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act \overline{X} of 1937), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendment to the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Supply by Wholesale) Rules, 1983 namely:—

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AMENDMENT.

In the said Rules, in rule 22, in sub-rule (2), in clause (i), for the expression "மது நாட்டுக்கு, வீட்டுக்கு, உயிருக்கு கேடு", the following expression shall be substituted, namely:—

"CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS INJURIOUS TO HEALTH

மது அருந்துதல் உடல் நலத்திற்கு கேடு

BE SAFE - DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

பாதுகாப்பாக இருப்பீர் – மது அருந்திவிட்டு வாகனம் ஒட்டாதீர் ".

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

NIRANJAN MARDI ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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and to send 25 copies of the Notification to the Government)

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Chennai-5.

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited, Chennai-8.

The Chief Executive Officer, FSSAI, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road,

New Delhi-110 002.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

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The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Electricity, Prohibition and Excise), Chennai-9.

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