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**NOTIFICATION  
(43 of 2017)**

**15 March 2017**

The following Notification No. DG(PFA)/Admin/2017/822, dated 13.03.2017 issued under section 51 of the Punjab Food Authority Act, 2011 (XVI of 2011) for the Food Authority (Delegation of Powers) Regulations, 2017 is published for general information:

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Government of the Punjab  
Dated: 13th March, 2017

**NOTIFICATION**

**No. DG(PFA)/Admin/2017/822.** In exercise of the powers conferred under section 51 of the Punjab Food Authority Act, 2011 (XVI of 2011) the Punjab Food Authority is pleased to delegate following powers:-

**Food Authority (Delegation of Powers) Regulations, 2017**

**1. Short Title and commencement.-** (1) These regulations may be called as the **Food Authority(delegation of Powers) Regulations, 2017**

(2). These shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.-** (1) In these regulations, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) **"Act"** means the Punjab Food Authority Act, 2011 (Act of XVI of 2011);

(b) **"Food Authority"** means the Punjab Food Authority established under the Act;

(c) **"Sections"** means sections of the Act.

(2) Words and expression used and not specifically defined herein, but defined in the Act, shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Act.

**3. INHERENT POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

1. To act as the secretary of the Food Authority, responsible for accomplishing the objectives of the Act, and for efficient implementation of the Act, the rules and the regulations and exercise

such powers as are mentioned in the Act or as may be prescribed or delegated to him. **Section 10**

2. To recall food which is not in compliance with the Act, the rules or the regulations. **Section 20**

#### **4. DELEGATED POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

1. To enter into contract, acquire or dispose of property and may, by its name, sue or be sued: **Section 3(2)**
2. To regulate and monitor food business: **Section 7 (1)**
3. To specify procedures and guidelines for setting up and accreditation of food laboratories: **Section 7(2)(b)**
4. To formulate method of sampling, analysis of samples and reporting of results: **Section 7(2)(c)**
5. To specify licensing, prohibition orders, recall procedures, improvement notices or prosecution: **Section 7(2)(d)**
6. To determine terms and conditions of service of its employees: **Section 7(2)(e)**
7. To provide scientific advice and technical support to the Government in matter relating to food : **Section 7(2)(f)**
8. To collect and analyze relevant scientific and technical data relating to food: **Section 7(2)(g)**
9. To establish a system of network of food operators and consumers to facilitate food safety and quality control: **Section 7(2)(h)**
10. To organize training programmes in food safety and standards: **Section 7(2)(i)**
11. To promote general awareness as to food safety and standards: **Section 7(2)(j)**
12. To levy fee for registration, licensing and other services: **Sec7(2)(k)**
13. To certify food for export: **Section 7(2)(l)**

14. To perform any other prescribed functions and to do any other thing which is necessary for the discharge of its functions under the Act:  
**Section 7(2),(m)(n)**
15. To categorize premises in the light of prescribed objective criteria based on the level of adherence to the standards, established scientific principles and international best practices: **Sec 8(A)(1)(a)**
16. To periodically revise, in prescribed manner, the categories of premises under clause (a) of section 8(A)(1) of PFA Act, 2011:  
**Section 8(A)(1)(b)**
17. To create, by any means, general awareness about categorization of the premises:  
**Section 8(A)(5)**
18. To establish one or more Scientific Panels as per composition provided under section 9 of PFA Act, 2011: **Section 9(1)**
19. To determine terms and conditions, including tenure of members of Scientific Panel other than ex-officio members: **Section 9 (3)**
20. To refer any matter relating to food to the Scientific Panel for recommendation:  
**Section 9 (4)**
21. To appoint Public Analysts, by notification, for different areas:  
**Section 11**
23. To appoint Food Safety Officers, by notification, for such areas as it may assign to them:  
**Section 12(1)**
24. To confer powers of a Food Safety Officer on a Government Servant:  
**Section 12(3)**
25. To determine numbers, categories, rank and terms and conditions of other employees of the Authority:  
**Section 14**
26. To exempt a class of food operators from obtaining compulsory registration or license under section 15 of PFA Act, 2011 **Section 15**
27. To confirm, modify or set aside the Emergency Prohibition Order passed by Food Safety Officer:  
**Section 18(2)**

28. To notify medical practitioner in any local area requiring therein to report all occurrences of food poisoning to the Food Safety Officer or the Food Authority: **Section 19**
29. To establish, recognize or accredit food laboratory for analysis of samples of any food or food related equipments or utensils: **Section 21**
30. To recover as arrears of land revenue compensation in case of injury or death of consumer: **Section 35(2)**
31. To publish the name of the person together with the name and place of his business, if so directed by the court, in newspapers or in any other mode for information of the people: **Section 38**
32. To register information of an offence under PFA Act, 2011: **Section 39(1)(a)**
33. To submit complaint of an offence before the Special Court: **Section 39(1)(b)**
34. To suspend or cancel the license of the food operator: **Section 39(1)(c)**
35. To impose fine on the food operator which may extend to one million rupees: **Section 39(1)(d)**
36. To direct destruction of an adulterated or unsafe food in the prescribed manner: **Section 39(1)(e)**
37. To decide, if the circumstances so warrant, not to take any action: **Section 39(1)(f)**
38. To pass order to suspension or cancellation of the license or imposition of fine without providing opportunity of hearing to the food operator : **Section 39(3)**
39. Through public prosecutor, file complaint of an offence before the Special Court: **Section 41**
40. To recover the fine, fee or any other amount, imposed or levied under PFA Act, 2011, the rules or the regulations, as an arrears of land revenue and, for the purpose, authorize an officer to exercise the

powers of Collector under the Punjab Land Revenue Act 1967(XVII of 1967):

**Section 45**

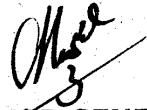
41. To establish, administer and control Food Authority Fund: **Section 46(1)(2)**
42. To meet all expenses from Food Authority Fund: **Section 46(3)**
43. To conserve the Food Authority Fund while performing functions and exercising powers under PFA Act, 2011: **Section 46(4)**
44. To open and maintain Bank Accounts in scheduled Banks: **Section 47**
45. To submit annual performance report within three months of close of a financial year to the Government. **Section 50**
46. To submit report after every three months to the Government with respect to the performance of the Authority especially with respect to the protection of public health, provision of safety and standards of food during the months under report and the steps taken and likely to be taken to achieve the purposes of the Act: **Section 50(A)**
47. To make payment of reward from the Food Authority Fund to any person who has made an exceptional efforts towards accomplishing objective of the Act. **Section 52**
48. To hire and recruit official/officers from BS-01 to 19 for the smooth functioning of the Food Authority.
49. To make appointments, including transfers and promotions, to posts in from BS-01 to BS-19 in the Food Authority and he may further delegate any of its power to any other officer under the PFA Act to the extent as he may deem fit.
50. As per approved Budget, create and abolish posts between Grades 1 and 19 in the Authority.
51. To allow increments to employees in Grades 1 to 19 in the Food Authority.
52. To sanction all types of advances to employees in Grades 1 to 19 in the Food Authority.

53. To sanction earned leave to employees in Grades 17, 18 & 19 in the Food Authority for a period not exceeding six months.
54. To grant honoraria to employees in Grades 1 to 19 and other persons attached with the working of the Authority subject to budget allocations.
55. To sanction all expenditures subject to Budget allocations.
56. To accord technical sanction and accept tenders in cases where power to do so has not been delegated to subordinate officers.
57. To write off losses upto Rs. 100,000/ provided that there is no evidence on record which establish negligence or fraud on the part of any Officer/Official.
58. To declare surplus or unserviceable any store, vehicle, machinery, material, furniture or other movable property of the Food Authority.
5. To sanction sales of surplus or unserviceable property, either through auction or by inviting sealed tenders, to the highest bidders, provided the highest prices received in the auction or tender are not less than the reserve prices.
60. To hire buildings for office and residential use subject to Budget allocation.
61. To sanction residential telephones to officers of the Authority as he deems fit and necessary for efficient discharge of functions of the Food Authority.
62. To initiate, defend or withdraw from any legal proceedings under the PFA Act, to compound any offence against the PFA Act, to admit, compromise or withdraw any claim under the PFA Act, and in respect of all these matters, to appoint counsel, hire services of Lawyers in special cases on such terms and conditions as may be settled and to obtain such legal advice and assistance as may be necessary, subject to the condition that where the Food Authority withdraws from any legal proceedings or admits, compromises or withdraws any claim, and loss admits, compromises or withdraws any claim, and loss of revenue or property rights is involved, reasons for the withdrawal, admittance or compromise shall be recorded in writing, and where the loss or value involved is more than Rs. 100,000/. A summary of the

case shall be submitted for the information to the Chairman Food Authority.

63. To issue office orders, directions and manuals of instructions to regulate the activities of the Food Authority subject to the conditions that they are not inconsistent with the PFA Act, the Rules or the Regulations.

64. To co-ordinate the policies, plans, programs, budgets, salary structures, staffing levels and other activities of the Food Authority and in this behalf to do all things and exercise all powers to ensure such co-ordination.



**DIRECTOR GENERAL**  
**Punjab Food Authority**