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The following Notification No. DG(PFA)/Admin/2017/825, dated 13.03.2017 issued under section 57 of the Punjab Food Authority Act, 2011 (XVI of 2011) for the Food Authority (Product Registration & Display of PFA Logo) Regulations, 2017 is published for general information:

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PUNJAB FOOD AUTHORITY/1825
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
Dated: 13th March 2017

NOTIFICATION

No. DG/PFA/Admin/2017/1825 In exercise of the powers conferred under section 57 of the Punjab Food Authority Act, 2011 (XVI of 2011), the Punjab Food Authority is pleased to make the following regulations;

The Food Authority (Product Registration & Display of PFA Logo) Regulations, 2017

Part-I

1. Short Title and Commencement:-

(1) These regulations may be called as "The Food Authority (Product Registration & Display of PFA Logo) 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) "Food Authority" means the Punjab Food Authority established under the Act;
- (b) "Act" means the Punjab Food Authority Act, 2011 (XVI of 2011);
- (c) "Competent Authority" means Director General of the Food Authority;
- (d) "Certificate of Product Registration (CPR)" means the certificate issued by Competent Authority for registration of food product;
- (e) "Fee" means the charges levied from the owner or the Food Business Operator in connection with registration of food product and display of logo of Punjab Food Authority;
- (f) **Owner/Food Operator** in respect of any food item means;
(a) in case of food items in transit, the consignor or, if the consignor does not have an address in the Punjab, the consignee;

(b) in any other case, the person, appearing to the Food Safety Officer to be the food operator who has custody of the food item at the time;

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

Part-II

3. Food Authority is mandated to provide safe, healthy and wholesome food to the public at large. This can only be achieved if all the food manufactured, processed, stored, kept, packaged or sold is safe and healthy and in accordance with the notified standards. To achieve this purpose, the Food Authority has launched product registration.

4. After the enforcement of these regulations only those food products could be sold within the territorial jurisdiction of the Food Authority which are duly registered with the Food Authority and have got PFA logo from the Food Authority. Every Food Business Operator shall ensure that each packed food items is required get registration in respect of each food product and display of PFA logo.

5. Every manufacturer, trader, importer, exporter or wholesaler who intends to store, import, transportation, export, manufacture or sale the food product shall be required to obtain a Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) from the office of Food Authority in a prescribed manner as may be specified from time to time.

6. Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) shall be issued once the Food Authority is satisfied that the product conforms to the food safety, quality, labeling requirements and hygiene standards as laid down in the rules or the regulations.

7. It shall be the duty of every Food Business Operator to provide lists of food products for which CPR is required. Only one CPR shall be issued for single product with the same formulation (ingredients in the same order of proportion bearing one brand and product name) and separate CPR shall be required for the product having different formulation and labeling.

8. Every Food Business Operator shall submit an application for CPR on the prescribed format; supported with the followings:-

- Brand name;
- Product description;

- Details of packaging material;
- Details of importer/ distributor (if any);
- Address of establishment;
- Shelf-life details of each food product;
- A non-refundable fee as may be prescribed by the Competent Authority;
- Evidence of any special labeling claims of the character, quality and safety of the processed food;
- A notarized declaration as prescribed by the Punjab Food Authority;
- Any other thing which is required by the PFA

9. The application along with the Sample Testing Fee in favor of Food Authority as prescribed by the Competent Authority shall be submitted to the Food Authority.

10. Upon receipt of application for Product Registration, Competent Authority may issue the Certificate of Product Registration within three week time, if the product conforms to the food safety and quality. After issuance of CPR the sampling of the products may be carried out periodically for the purpose of analysis.

11. If the food product does not conform to the safety, hygiene and quality standards/requirements, a letter along with the analysis report shall be issued to the Food Business Operator explaining the reasons for non-issuance of CPR.

12. Any person aggrieved by the action taken under regulation 10 and/or regulation 11 may file an application before the Competent Authority who shall decide the matter within one month. After the decision of the application, the applicant shall be given fifteen (15) days time to comply with the deficiencies, if any. Afterwards a fresh application along with the Sample Testing Fee as prescribed by the Competent Authority shall be submitted for CPR.

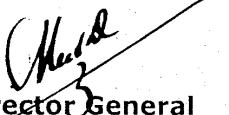
13. If at any stage it is found that the product does not conform to the food safety, hygiene and quality standard requirements, a Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) may be revoked after giving the Food Business Operator (FBO) a notice of personal hearing.

14. Certification of the food product shall be mandatory for Food Business Operators for carrying out manufacturing, processing, import, export, transportation, sale, purchase or storage of any food item.

Provided that the CPR issued under these regulations may at any time be revoked, if there are reasons to believe by the Punjab Food Authority that the

product is not in compliance with these conditions mentioned in these regulations.

15. If the CPR is issued for the food product, the usage of logo of the Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on food product may be provided to Food Business Operators on the payment of marking fee as prescribed by the Competent Authority. It shall be mandatory on the part of the Food Business Operator to use logo of the Punjab Food Authority and strict adherence to food safety, hygiene and quality standards.


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