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Notification No.DG(PFA)/A/6757, dated 24.02.2025 issued by the Punjab Food Authority, is hereby published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary) for general information:

**"GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
THE PUNJAB FOOD AUTHORITY**

Dated: 24-02-2025

Notification No.DG(PFA)/A/6757. In exercise of the powers conferred under section 57 of the Punjab Food Authority Act, 2011the Punjab Food Authority is pleased to make following regulations.

1. Short title and commencement

- (1). These regulations may be called the Punjab Educational Institutions Food Standards Regulations, 2017(Amended 2024).
- (2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Objective

To ensure availability of food that is cost effective, hygienic, nutritious and free of adulteration to the students of Educational Institutions, in order to promote better mental and physical health and development of students.

3. Definitions

- a. "Act" means the Punjab Food Authority Act, 2011;
- b. "Food" means anything used as food or drink for human consumption other than drugs, and includes:—
 - i. any substance which is intended for use in the preparation of food;
 - ii. any flavouring agent or condiment;
 - iii. any colouring matter intended for use in food;
 - iv. chewing gum, confectionary and other products of like nature;
 - v. water in any form including ice, intended for human consumption or for use in the composition or preparation of food; and
 - vi. any other thing prescribed as food.
- c. "Canteen, Cafeteria, Mess, etc.": An establishment in Educational Institutions where food is produced, manufactured, sold, supplied and/or served.
- d. "Educational Institution": educational institution includes, but not limited to, Primary Schools, Junior Schools, Secondary Schools, Higher Secondary Schools, Colleges, Universities, Religious Madaris, Vocational training

institutions and Academies imparting tuition etc.

- e. "Food Authority": means The Punjab Food Authority
 - f. "Junior Educational Institution": means Pre-School to Class five (05).
 - g. "Senior Educational Institution": means class six (06) to matric/O-Levels.
 - h. "College/University": means Intermediate/A-Level, and onwards.
 - i. "Green Labeled Food": as defined under Schedule "A" of this regulation.
 - j. "Yellow Labeled Food": as defined under Schedule "B" of this regulation.
 - k. "Red Labeled Food": as defined under Schedule "C" of this regulation.
4. These regulation shall apply to Canteen, Cafeteria, Mess, etc. of all the Educational Institutions including, but not limited to, Colleges, Universities, Religious Madaris, Vocational training institutions and Academies imparting tuition etc; and shall also apply to shops, vendors, food business operators, etc. situated within hundred (100) meters radius of an Educational Institution.
 5. That no Canteen, Cafeteria, Mess, etc. of any Educational Institution, and no shopkeeper, vendor, food business operators, etc. within hundred (100) meters radius of an Educational Institution shall produce, manufacture, sell, supply and/or serve the food items as mentioned in the category of "Red Labeled Food" in these regulations.
 6. That Canteen, Cafeteria, Mess, etc. of an Educational Institution, and shopkeepers, vendors, food business operators, etc. within hundred (100) meters radius of an Educational Institution may produce, manufacture, sell, supply and/or serve the food items as mentioned in the category of "Yellow Labeled Food" in these regulations provided that these food items shall be served in moderate quantity.
 7. That Canteens, Cafeteria, Mess, etc. of an Educational Institution, and shopkeepers, vendors, food business operators, etc. within hundred (100) meters radius of an Educational Institution may produce, manufacture, sell, supply and/or serve the food items as mentioned in the category of "Green Labeled Food" in these regulations to all age groups of students, and these food items shall be:-
 - 7.1 Available every day;
 - 7.2 Included as the main choices on the canteen menu;
 - 7.3 Presented in attractive and interesting ways;
 - 7.4 Promoted as tasty, good value choices;
 8. The Canteens, Cafeteria, Mess, etc. of all the Educational Institutions, and

shopkeepers, vendors, food business operators, etc. within hundred (100) meters radius of an Educational Institution shall follow the standards of hygiene and best food handling practices as prescribed under the relevant laws time to time enforced

- 8.1 The owner of the Canteens, Cafeteria, Mess, etc. of all the Educational Institutions at all levels and shopkeepers, vendors, food business operators, etc. within hundred (100) meters radius of an Educational Institution shall make it mandatory for the food handlers to have training on hygiene and food handling practices in a manner prescribed by the Punjab Food Authority.
- 8.2 That every Educational Institution shall formulate its own monitoring committee headed by the principal of Educational Institution; however, in case of Universities, any authorized person may be appointed as the head of such Committee, in order to implement these regulations.
9. The parent of a student or any other person may register his/her complaint with the Food Authority in case of violation of these regulations.
10. In case of violation of any clause of these regulations: by Canteens, Cafeteria, Mess, etc. of an Educational Institution, the owner/manager of such Canteen, Cafeteria, Mess, etc. and the owner/management of such Educational Institution and in case of shopkeeper, vendor, food business operator, etc. within hundred (100) meters radius of an Educational Institution, the owner/manager of any such establishment shall be liable to be punished under chapter IV of the Act.

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Schedule A

GREEN LABELED FOOD (ALWAYS ON THE MENU) (AS PER STANDARDS DEFINED IN PUNJAB PURE FOOD REGULATIONS, 2018)	
FOOD GROUPS	EXAMPLES
Drinks	• Potable/Clean Drinking Water • Seasonal Fresh Fruit Juices
Fruits and Vegetables	• Seasonal Fruits • Cream Chaat • Fruit Chaat • Chana Chaat • Salads • Roasted, Fried, Grilled and Steamed Vegetables
Grain, Cereal and Pulses Products	• Bread/ Toast • Pasta • Rice • Pizza
Dairy and Dairy Products	• Milk • Fortified Dairy Products • Flavored (permissible) Milk • Milk Shakes • Yogurt • Flavored Yogurt • Fruit Yogurt • Lassi • Smoothies
Meat, Poultry and its Products	• Sandwich • Eggs (Fried, Boiled and Omelette etc.) • Roasted, Fried, Grilled and Steamed Meat • Sausages • Meat Balls

Schedule B

YELLOW LABELED FOOD (SELECT CAREFULLY) (AS PER STANDARDS DEFINED IN PUNJAB PURE FOOD REGULATIONS, 2018)		
FOOD GROUPS		EXAMPLES
Processed Food	Drinks	• Tea & Coffee (only for adult) • Packed Fruit Juices
	Fruits and Vegetables	• Canned Fruits • French Fries
	Grain, Cereal and Pulses Products	• Biscuits • Naan • Shawarma • Rolls • Patties • Samosay • Burger • Muffins, Cup, Cakes and Pasteries • Other Bakery Items
	Dairy and Dairy Products	• Ice cream • Frozen Desserts
	Meat, Poultry and its Products	• Nuggets • Various Types of Kababs
	Confectionary	• Sweets • Toffees • Candies • Chocolate

Schedule C

RED LABELED FOOD LOW IN NUTRITIONAL VALUE (NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THE CANTEENS, CAFETERIA, MESS, ETC. AND AROUND HUNDRED (100) METERS RADIUS OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION)		
FOOD GROUPS		EXAMPLES
Processed Food	Drinks	• Carbonated Drinks • "Energy" Drinks • "Synthetic" Drinks
	Food Products Containing Unsuitable Food Additives	• Food Product Containing MSG • Food Product Containing Tartaric Acid • Cotton Candy • Gatta • Golla Ganda • Ice Lollies etc.
Article/Products	➤ Articles of tobacco/ Nicotine Origin ➤ Products that are banned to be sold to under age (18) group of population	• Chewing/Oral Tobacco • Vapes • All kind of • Nicotine/Tobacco Containing Products

