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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory body under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)
(Regulatory Compliance Division)

FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road,
New Delhi-110 002
Dated, the 2nd May, 2019

To

- i. CFS of all States/UTs
- ii. All CLAs

Subject: Food Product Categorization of Pan Masala, Mouth Freshner & Mukhwas etc in FLRS-reg.

Sir/Madam,

FSSAI is in receipt of several complaints/representations regarding categorization of Pan Masala, Mouth Freshner & Mukhwas etc. The issue has been examined in FSSAI and after detailed deliberations; the Scientific Panel has recommended that following Food categorization Codes, may be used for the issuance of license to such products:

S. No.	Food Products	Categories
1.	Pan Masala and arecanut based mouth freshners	15.2 (Processed nuts including coated nuts and nut mixtures).
2.	Spices based mouth freshners	12.2.1 (Herbs, spices including Masalas)

2. In view of the above, all Commissioners of Food safety of All States/UTs and Central Licensing Authorities are requested to suitably guide all Food Business Operators applying for Pan Masala, Mouth Freshner, Mukhwas or by whatever name it is called to obtain licenses as per the categories mentioned above. Further, FBOs who have already obtained licenses for the said products under different categories may be advised to modify their respective licenses within a period of 3 months. This provision has already been incorporated in (Food Licensing and Registration System) FLRS.

3. This issue with the approval Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely

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Copt to:

- i. CITO-FSSAI : to upload on website for info. and necessary action of stakeholders.