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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)
Regulatory Compliance Division
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110002

Dated, the 29th December, 2020

To,
Commissioner of Food Safety of all States/UTs

Subject: Enforcement drives to check on Sale of adulterated spices - reg.

Sir/Madam,

Instances have been reported recently in media regarding the sale of adulterated spices in domestic market. As per one such report, the spices like dhaniya powder is being adulterated with bajra and dhaniya stem whereas turmeric powder is being adulterated with broken rice which is mixed with yellow colour.

2. The standards for different types of whole and ground spices have been prescribed under Regulation No. 2.9 of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011 and any deviation in the prescribed parameters are in violation of the laid down provisions of FSS Act, 2006, Rules and Regulations made thereunder.

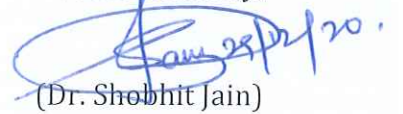
Further, it may also be noted that in terms of Regulation 2.3.14 (15) of Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Regulations, 2011, "***No person shall sell powdered spices and condiments except 'under packed conditions'***"

3. In view of the above, you are requested to conduct **an effective enforcement drive** to check the adulteration of commonly used spices like haldi, dhaniya, lal mirch powder etc. in wholesale markets/mandi falling under your jurisdiction.

Further, the necessary action as deemed fit may be initiated against the defaulting Food Business Operators as per the provisions laid down under FSS Act, 2006, Rules and Regulations, 2011 made thereunder. Action taken reports may be shared with this office at the earliest.

Issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Shobhit Jain)

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