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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs
Weights and Measures Unit
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
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To,
The Controller of Legal Metrology,
All States / UTs

Subject: Declaration of net quantity on edible oil etc. in volume with temperature-violation thereof-reg.

Sir/ Ma'am,

The undersigned is to refer to the above mentioned subject and to state that it has come to the notice that manufacturers/ packers/ importers are declaring net quantity of edible oil etc. in volume mentioning the temperature at the time of packing. Net quantity is also declared in the units of weight, as required under the Second Schedule of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

2. The Fourth Schedule of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 provides that:

FOURTH SCHEDULE

[(See Rule 12(2))]

Exceptions referred to in Rule 12(2)

1. *The following commodities in packaged form may be sold by weight, measure or number as shown against the commodity:-*

Table

<i>S No</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Whether declaration to be expressed in terms of weight, measures or number or two or more of them</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Non-edible vegetable oil</i>	<i>Weight or volume</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Edible oil, Vanaspati ghee & butter oil</i>	<i>Weight or volume</i>

3. It is to state that the declaration of net quantity of Edible oil in terms of volume at different temperatures with weight (which is different at different temperatures) keeping volume fixed (i.e. 1 litre). Since temperature and density are inversely

proportional, volume being constant, the consumer may be cheated when packaging mentions a higher temperature.

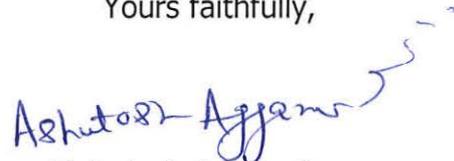
4. It is also to state that as per the Fourth Schedule of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 the net quantity for 'non-edible vegetable oil, Edible oil and Vanaspati ghee & butter oil' may be declared in volume or weight. However, as per the Second Schedule of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 if net quantity is declared in volume then it must be declared in mass also. But there is no requirement/ provision of mentioning a specific temperature on packaging of edible oil, which may cause cheating to consumers.

5. Therefore, it is requested to create awareness among the manufacturers/ packers/ importers of edible oil etc. to pack the commodity without mentioning temperature and advise them to ensure that the quantity declared on the package in volume or mass should be correct.

6. The manufacturers/ packers/ importers may be advised to correct their labeling of declaring net quantity in the units of volume, within six months from the date of this direction, which should be without mentioning temperature.

7. Field officers may be instructed accordingly. An action taken report may also be submitted at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



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