

Inviting Public Consultation for declaring the quantity of edible oil, vanaspati, ghee in terms of weight in the pre packages

The views and submissions are requested from all the concerned spheres of industry, associations, consumers, stakeholders, Voluntary Consumer Organisation in the matter of manner of declaration of the quantity in pre packages containing edible oil, vanaspati, ghee etc.

2. Initially the quantity indicated in the packages was in terms of weight. However there had been several representation from the industries based on which the deliberations were held and the rules were amended by which the quantity can be declared in terms of weight or volume

3. However it was made mandatory that if the volume is indicated in terms of volume its equivalent weight in grams is required to be mentioned. Based on this the quantity of edible oil, ghee and vanaspati got indicated in terms of volume in litre with its equivalent weight in grams at a particular temperature.

4. In case of edible oil like Soyabean oil, to indicate the quantity of 1litre (Volume) the equivalent quantity in grams is 910g at 30 degree celsius. However the same 1litre would be lower in weight at higher temperature say 50 or 55 degree Celsius. It has come to the notice of the Department that pack sizes indicate the volume at different temperatures.

5. Healthy competition is good for the economy and consumers too. However, in this case the quantity indicated in volume is equal (1Litre) while in actuality the quantity delivered is different in terms of weight by showing the same one litre at different temperature.

6. Further with the quantity to be indicated in terms of weight or volume will require to declare two unit sale price as per the new amendment in terms of Rs___/g and Rs___/ml.

7. Therefore to address these issues the Department is seeking Public Comments for declaring the the quantity delivered in terms of **weight** only. The comments/feedback are invited in this regard from the stakeholders within 20 days from the date of posting of this invite for public consultation in the website on dirwm-ca@nic.in or physically to Director Legal Metrology, Room No 461A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.