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भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण
(खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक अधिनियम, 2006 के तहत स्थापित एक वैधानिक प्राधिकरण)
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Dated, the 6th September, 2023

To,

Th. R. Lalvena, IAS
The Commisioner,
Tamil Nadu Food Safety and Drug Administration Department,
No. 359, Anna Salai,
DMS Campus,
Teynampet, Chennai-600006.

Subject: Reference from Tamil Nadu Food Safety and Drug Administration Department regarding representation from Tamil Nadu Packaging Drinking Water Association for regulation of loose water.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter no. 494/2022/S8/FSD dated 16.05.2023 on the above-mentioned subject matter.

2. The matter was examined by FSSAI and it is to inform that the definition of 'Food' under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act) includes Packaged Drinking Water and water used into the food during its manufacture, preparation or treatment only. The sub-regulation 4(4) of Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018 states that,

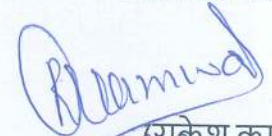
'Provided that Drinking Water (both Packaged and Mineral Water) shall be packed in colourless, transparent and tamper-proof bottles or containers...'

3. Further, the sub-regulation 2.10.7, 2.10.8 and 2.10.9 of FSS (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, specifies the standards for Mineral water, Packaged Drinking Water and Drinking Water (Purified) sold or offered through water vending machine and the integrity and safety of the same can be ensured in accordance with the process, packaging and labeling requirements as specified in the Food Safety and Standards Regulations made under the FSS Act.

4. In view of the above, regulating drinking water sold loose does not fall under the ambit of FSS Act. Further, the proposed amendment to the FSS Act, 2006 is already at an advanced stage of consideration and thus, it would not be feasible to incorporate the instant proposal at this stage.

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Yours faithfully,



6/9/23 (रमेश कुमार)

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