

**Government of Karnataka
Department of Food Safety and Standards
Seshadri Road, Bangalore-01**

Official reminder

Subject: Banning the use of artificial colors in cotton candy manufacturing which is being sold across the state, as cotton candy containing artificial colors that are affecting the health of the public/consumers.

Regarding the above matter, Cotton Candy being sold statewide will be collected and analyzed in the state laboratories, as recently been reported in the media about the quality of Cotton Candy not being safe due to the addition of artificial colors.

From date: 12.02.2024 till now 25 samples of Cotton Candy that are being sold over the state have been collected and analyzed in the state laboratories. Among the analyzed samples, 15 Cotton Candy samples were found to be unsafe due to artificial coloring (Tartrazine artificial color - 5 samples, Sunset Yellow - 4 samples, and Rhodamine-B containing 6 samples) as per The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 3(1) (zz)(v)(viii).

As per the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, the use of artificial colors above the permissible limit/use of not permitted artificial colors will be prohibited. The use of artificial colors can seriously affect the health of the consumer.

As a context, the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 3(1)(zz)(v)(viii) does not allow the use of artificial colors in the manufacture of cotton candy above the permissible limit/use of artificial colors which are not permitted, the use artificial colors over the prescribed amount in the manufacture of cotton candy and the use of not permitted artificial colors including Rhodamine-B has been ordered to be banned.

Section 59 of the Food Safety and Standard Act- 2006, where cases of violations are found, are subject to imprisonment for a term ranging from 7 years to a lifetime and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakhs, cases can be filed in court.

Commissioner
Food Safety and Quality Department.
Bangalore.

For them,

Food manufacturers manufacturing/selling Cotton Candy in the state

Copy:

1. Submitted to the Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare and requested to bring it to the attention of the Hon'ble Minister.
2. Submitted for the information of Principal Secretaries to Government, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Vikas Soudha, Bangalore.
3. Joint Commissioner, Department of Food Safety and Standards Authority, Bangalore.
4. Deputy Commissioner(Administration)/(SAD), Department of Food Safety and Standards Authority. Bangalore.
5. Forwarding to all State Commissioners, Department of Food Safety and Standards Authority, directed to implement and take follow-up measures to food businessmen manufacturing/selling Cotton Candy in the State.
6. Office copy.

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