

**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER DRUG & FOOD CONTROL ORGANIZATION
J&K JAMMU**

-- PUBLIC NOTICE

It has come to the notice of State Government that some vendors dealing in preparations / marketing of Food Articles particularly Mugalai Cuisines commonly known as "**Wazwan**" are using colouring matter in their recipes which is in contravention to the Provisions laid down under FSS (**Food Product Standards & Food Additives**) **Regulations 2011**. It therefore needs to be impressed upon all the **Food Business Operators** dealing in processed, partially processed or unprocessed food substances intended for human consumption to strictly adhere to the Provisions laid down under FSSA Rules & Regulations in letter and spirit. Such vendors include any Food manufacturer, who manufactures or sells any article of food himself or a **petty retailer, hawker, itinerant vendor or temporary stall holder**; or distributes food , in any religious or social gathering should besides obtaining mandatory Registration / Licensing (whichever is applicable) & ensure that no colouring matter is used in their recipes. Any person found indulging in use of colouring matter in such food articles shall invite action under relevant provisions of Law which can extend to imprisonment for a term **which may extend to imprisonment of life and also with fine which shall not be less than Rs. 10 Lakhs** ---depending upon severity of offence.

This public notice is being issued without any prejudice to the Provisions of Rule 3.1.2(6) where use of permitted synthetic food colours is allowed w.r.t certain food items mentioned therein subject to the condition that the maximum limit of such permitted colours shall not exceed up to 100 parts per million of the final food or beverage offered for consumption.

Sd/

(Lotika Khajuria)

Controller

Drug & Food Control Organization,

J&K, Jammu

No: DFO/FSSA/JK/821-32

Dated: 24-03-2016

cc:

1. Secretary to Government, Health and Medical Education Department, Civil Sectt., J&K Jammu for favour of information.
2. Director, All India Radio , Jammu/Kashmir for broadcasting.
3. Director, Doordarshan Jammu/Kashmir for telecasting in the news.
4. Joint Director Information Jammu for publication in daily local Newspapers in Jammu & Kashmir.
5. Deputy Commissioner Food Safety , Jammu / Kashmir for information with the direction to instruct field staff to lift surveillance /legal samples of suspected food articles especially “**Wazwan**” from their local areas for purpose of testing & analysis.
6. Private Secretary to Advisor to His Excellency for favor of information of Worthy Advisor. This takes reference to the meeting held today Dated: 24-03-2016 in connections with the contents of Press Release.
7. Editor-in –Chief,_____.