

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
Office of the Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration,  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar**

**ORDER NO 60-FA of 2025**

**DATED: 03/10/2025**

**PROHIBITORY ORDER**

**Whereas**, during inspections conducted by Food Safety Officers/Designated officers of the Food Safety Wing of Drug & Food Control Organization, J&K, large quantities of rotten, decomposed and unlabelled frozen and chilled meat products have been detected at various places within the Union Territory, and unsafe stocks have been seized and destroyed in accordance with law;

**Whereas**, on examination such articles fall within the meaning of *unsafe food* under Section 3(1)(zz) of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006, thereby attracting penal consequences under Chapter IX including Section 59 of the Act *ibid*;

**Whereas**, the seized products were found without mandatory labelling particulars as required under the Food Safety & Standards (Labelling & Display) Regulations, 2020, namely:

- batch/lot number
  - date of manufacture/packing and expiry/use-by date
  - storage conditions (frozen/chilled)
  - name and address of manufacturer/packer/importer
  - FSSAI licence number and logo
  - non-vegetarian symbol in the prescribed manner;
- and further, the declarations made were either missing or illegible, thereby contravening Regulations 4(1), 6 and 9 of the above said regulations;

**Whereas**, the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing & Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011, Stipulate as under;

*5.1.8 Receiving temperature of frozen food should be -18°C or below.*

*5.2.4 Raw Food, particularly meat, poultry and seafood products shall be cold stored separately from the area of work-in-progress, processed, cooked and packaged products. The conditions of Storage in terms of Temperature and humidity requisite for enhancing the shelf life of the respective food materials/ products shall be maintained.*

*5.3.1.1 The Food Business operator shall develop and maintain the system to ensure that time and temperature are controlled effectively where it is critical to the safety and suitability of food. Such control shall include time and temperature of receiving, processing, cooking, cooling, storage, packaging, distribution and food service upon the consumer, as applicable.*



**Whereas**, for the protection of consumers and in order to prevent recurrence of unsafe practices, it is necessary to reiterate the minimum statutory standards for frozen and chilled meat products, which are:

- Frozen meat and meat products shall be stored and transported at- **18°C or below** at all stages of storage and distribution;
- Chilled meat shall be stored at **0-4°C** for short-term handling;
- Frozen meat shall carry a "date of freezing" and shall not be sold beyond **twelve months** from that date;
- Products delivered through e-commerce shall have not less than 30% of total shelf life or 45 days before expiry, whichever is earlier, remaining at the time of delivery;
- Storage and transport facilities shall be equipped with calibrated temperature monitoring devices, and proper documentary/digital records shall be maintained for inspection;
- The *name of the food* which, in the case of meat products, must clearly specify the animal species (e.g., "goat meat," "buffalo meat," "chicken" etc.);

**Whereas**, section (1)(a) of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 stipulate that the Central Government, the State Government, the Food Authority and other agencies, as the case maybe, while implementing the provision of this Act shall be guided by the following principle namely.

*"endeavour to achieve an appropriate level of protection of human life and health and the protection of consumer's interest, including fair practices in all kinds of food trade with reference to food safety standards and practices".*

**Whereas**, section 18 (1)(f) of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 stipulate that " in cases where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a food may present a risk for human health, then, depending on the nature seriousness and extent of that risk, the Food Authority and the Commissioner of Food Safety shall take appropriate steps to inform the general public of the nature of the risk to health, identifying to the fullest extent possible the food or type of food, the risk that it may present, and the measures which are taken or about to be taken to prevent, reduce or eliminate the risk.

**Whereas**, section 29(3) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 also stipulates that the authorities shall maintain a system of control and other activities as appropriate to the circumstances, including public communication on Food Safety and risk, Food Safety surveillance and other monitoring activities covering all stages of food business.

**Whereas**, the Commissioner of Food Safety has been entrusted to perform function under section 30 (2) of the Act *ibid* including to prohibit, in the interest of public health, the manufacture, storage, distribution or sale of any article of food, either in the whole of the State or any area or part thereof for such period, not exceeding one year, as may be specified in the order notified in this behalf in the Official Gazette;



**Whereas**, having regard to the inspection findings and the statutory provisions cited above, I am satisfied that a *health risk condition* exists across the Union Territory requiring immediate preventive action in the interest of public health;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of powers conferred by **Section 30 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006**, I, **Ms. Smita Sethi, Commissioner of Food Safety**, (Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration), Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, do hereby prohibit with immediate effect the manufacture, storage, distribution, transportation and sale of frozen and chilled meat products which do not conform to the requirements of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 and the Regulations made there under, until further orders.

This order shall remain in force until revoked or modified upon satisfaction that no further health risk condition exists.

  
**Commissioner of Food Safety**

(Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration)

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Dated:

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