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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs
Legal Metrology Division

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated:30/09/2011

To,
The Controller of Legal Metrology,
All States/ UTs

Subject: Implementation of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011-Guidelines for implementation thereof.

Sir,

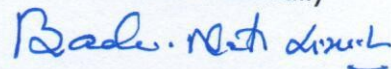
In continuation of the earlier guidelines issued by this office dated 29.4.2011, the undersigned is to state that many request of the Industries/ Industry Associations are received in this Department stating that industries are not able to utilize their existing old packaging material upto 30.9.2011. The Industries/ Industry Associations are representing against Rule 5 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 and requesting for granting time to exhaust their current stock of pre-printed wrappers in respect of non-standard size packages.

2. Since the industries are representing that they need more lead time to change from old rules to new rules to update the labelling requirements for **Rule 5**, it is requested that:

- (i) Efforts may be made to give wide publicity to the changes made in the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 so as to spread awareness amongst manufacturers/packers etc.
- (ii) The initial enforcement steps may only be in the nature of investigational surveys. Any deficiency noticed should be brought in the notice of the concerned. This is being suggested to provide an opportunity to manufacturers/packers to update their label declarations. This approach may be continued upto 31st March, 2012 and it is expected that in this initial period there should be no prosecution for the shortcomings in the labelling requirement under Rule 5.
- (iii) The Enforcement Authorities of your State may accordingly be instructed for due compliance of the above guidelines.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Yours faithfully



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