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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

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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/ Madam,

As you are aware that the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 have been implemented along with the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 w.e.f. 1-4-2011.

2. On the request of the Industries Associations, that industries are not able to utilize their existing old packaging material upto 31-3-2011 and is lying with them, the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 was amended vide GSR No.318(E) dated 13th April, 2011 allowing them to utilize their packaging material or wrapper which could not be exhausted by the manufacturer or packer may be used for packing of the material upto 30th September, 2011 or till such date the packaging material of wrapper is exhausted, whichever is earlier, after making the corrections required under these rules by way of stamping or putting sticker or online printing, as the case may be.

3. Since the industries are representing that they need a lead time to change from old rules to new rules to update the labeling requirements, 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.

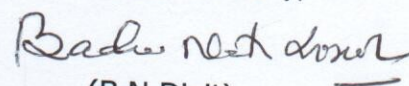
(ii) The initial enforcement steps may only be in the nature of investigational surveys. Any deficiency noticed should be brought in the notice

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 30th September, 2011 and it is expected that in this initial period there should be no prosecution.

(iii) The Enforcement Authorities of your State may accordingly be instructed for due compliance of the above guidelines.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, Consumer Affairs.

Yours faithfully,



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