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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 14.06.2018

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

Subject:-The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2017 vide Notification No. GSR 629(E) dated 23rd June, 2017- Advisory for smooth Implementation- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the amendments made in the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 vide GSR 629(E) dated 23rd June, 2017, the advisory issued on 19.12.2017, the permission granted on 2.1.2018 to enable old stocks to be cleared upto 31.1.2018 which was further extended upto 28.2.2018 and further extended upto 30.4.2018 vide letter dated 1.3.2018. Now, on representations received, manufacturers /packers/importers are allowed for putting stickers/ tags/ online printing etc. upto 31.07.2018 for making the mandatory declarations required under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2017.

2. On the further representations of the industries Associations, it is requested that:
- (1) Efforts may be made to give wide publicity to the provisions of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2017 so as to spread awareness amongst manufacturers/ packers/ importers and retailers etc.
 - (ii) The initial enforcement steps may only be in the nature of investigational surveys. Any deficiency noticed should be brought to the notice of the concerned. This is being suggested to provide an opportunity to manufacturers/packers to update their label declarations. It is expected that in the initial period there should be no prosecution for the shortcomings in requirements in the labeling in respect of **font size**, if it is not affecting the consumers in anyway.

- (iii) The Enforcement Authorities of your State may accordingly be advised for due compliance of the above guidelines.
 - (iv) The above permission is extended upto 31.07.2018 for better implementation of rules.
 - (v) Country of origin, shall be mandatorily declared along with other declarations including best before or use by date or expiry date etc., required under these rules.
3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully



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