



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (HEALTH)**

No.1388/CS/Health/H7/2013-2020

Puducherry, dated 11.11.2020

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the manufacture, storage, distribution or sale of Gutkha and Panmasala and any other food products containing tobacco or nicotine as "ingredients" were banned in the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry for a period of one year, vide Notification No.1388/CS/Health/H7/2013, dated 18th June, 2013 and published in the Gazette of Puducherry No.27, dated 2nd July, 2013, and thereafter, being renewed periodically, the last notification having been issued on 12th November, 2019, published in the Gazette of Puducherry No.48, dated 26th November, 2019;

WHEREAS, the validity period of the above said notification expires on 17.11.2020;

WHEREAS, Regulation 2.3.4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011, prohibits and restricts the sale of food products which contain tobacco and nicotine as ingredients as they are injurious to health;

WHEREAS, it has been brought to notice that, of late, the banned food products containing tobacco or nicotine as ingredients, which are injurious to health are sometimes/occasionally available in the market in contravention of the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Central act 34 of 2006) and the rules made thereunder;

WHEREAS, in the public interest, it is expedient to prohibit consumption of Gutkha and Panmasala in the Union territory of Puducherry, being the food products in which tobacco and nicotine are widely used as ingredients;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 30 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Central Act 34 of 2006), the Commissioner of Food Safety of the Union territory of Puducherry, in the interest of public health, hereby prohibits the manufacture, storage, distribution or sale of Gutkha and Panmasala (containing tobacco or nicotine) and any other products marketed separately to constitute as Gutkha or Panmasala as final product, by whatsoever name called, whether packaged or unpackaged and/or sold as one product, or though packaged as separate products, sold or distributed in such a manner so as to easily facilitate mixing by the consumer, in the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry, for a further period of one year from 18.11.2020.


(Dr.ARUN.T, I.A.S)

COMMISSIONER OF FOOD SAFETY

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The Director of Stationery & Printing, -
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3. The State Nodal Officer, National Tobacco Control Programme, Puducherry.
4. The Inspector General of Police, Police Department, Puducherry.
5. The Collector, Puducherry/Karaikal.
6. The Regional Administrator, Mahe/Yanam.
7. The Dy. Food Safety Commissioner, Department of Food Safety, Puducherry.
8. The Senior Public Analyst, Department of Food & Drugs Testing, Puducherry.
9. The Assistant Commissioner, Department of Drugs Control, Puducherry.
10. The Commissioner, Puducherry/Oulgaret/Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam Municipality.
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