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THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS ACT, 2006

ACT NO. 34 OF 2006

[23rd August, 2006.]

An Act to consolidate the laws relating to food and to establish the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import, to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

(3) It shall come into force on such date¹ as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint, and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act and any reference in any such provision to the commencement of this Act shall be construed as a reference to the coming into force of that provision.

2. Declaration as to expediency of control by the Union.—It is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that the Union should take under its control the food industry.

3. Definitions.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “adulterant” means any material which is or could be employed for making the food unsafe or sub-standard or mis-branded or containing extraneous matter;

(b) “advertisement” means any audio or visual publicity, representation or pronouncement made by means of any light, sound, smoke, gas, print, electronic media, internet or website and includes through any notice, circular, label, wrapper, invoice or other documents;

(c) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Food Authority;

(d) “claim” means any representation which states, suggests, or implies that a food has particular qualities relating to its origin, nutritional properties, nature, processing, composition or otherwise;

(e) “Commissioner of Food Safety” means the Commissioner of Food Safety appointed under section 30;

(f) “consumer” means persons and families purchasing and receiving food in order to meet their personal needs;

(g) “contaminant” means any substance, whether or not added to food, but which is present in such food as a result of the production (including operations carried out in crop husbandry, animal husbandry or veterinary medicine), manufacture, processing, preparation, treatment, packing, packaging, transport or holding of such food or as a result of environmental contamination and does not include insect fragments, rodent hairs and other extraneous matter;

1. 15th October 2007 sections 4 to 10 (both inclusive), Sections 87, 88, 91 and 101 effective from 15th October 2007 *vide* Notification No. S.O.1758(E) *see* Gazette of India, extraordinary Part II, sec 3(ii).
28th May, 2008 (ss. 3 and 30), *vide* notification No. S.O. 1246(E), dated 28th May, 2008, *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, sec. 3(ii).
28th August, 2008 (s. 90), *vide* notification No. S.O. 2127(E), dated 28th August, 2008, *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, sec. 3(ii).
18th November, 2008 (ss. 16, 17, 18, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 92 and 93), *vide* notification No. S.O. 2678(E), dated 18th November, 2008, *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, sec. 3(ii).
9th March, 2009 (ss. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15), *vide* notification No. S.O. 650(E), dated 9th March, 2009, *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, sec. 3(ii).
31st July, 2009 Section 36 to 47 effective *vide* Notification No. S.O 1868(E) dated 31st July, 2009, *see* Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II, sec 3(ii).
29th June, 2009 Section 99 to be effective *vide* Notification No. S.O. 1575(E) dated 29th June, 2009, *see* Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II, sec 3(ii).