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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)
Regulatory Compliance Division
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi - 110002

Dated, the 17th October, 2017

Subject: Illegal manufacture/import/sale of products made from Hemp and Hemp seed by some companies using FSSAI License No. on its label- reg.

Sir/Madam,

It has been reported that products made from Hemp is being sold illegally by various companies with or without FSSAI License number under various brand names through various e-commerce platforms.

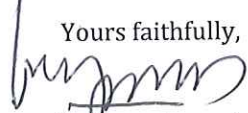
2. It may be noted that Hemp is a product for which no standard has, so far, been prescribed under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, Rules and Regulations made thereunder. There is lack of certain data and information on the variety of the plant to be used in the manufacturing process. The Scientific Committee at FSSAI took the view that sufficient in-depth safety data would be required for a detailed risk assessment. In the absence of the data required for a detailed risk assessment, the Scientific Committee at FSSAI recommended not to consider hemp for standardization at this stage.

3. It has also observed that some Food business Operators having food license issued by State Licensing Authorities are selling food products in the name of hemp products. These activities carried out by FBOs are totally illegal and unauthorised. The list is enclosed for reference.

4. In view of the above, you are requested to keep check on the sale of such products as food in your area of jurisdiction, inspect the premises of the firms & verify whether or not products from Hemp is being manufactured/stored/sold by the said firm and initiate appropriate action against the defaulting Food Business Operators using FSSAI License No. on the label of the product and selling the same as food under provisions laid down under FSS Act, 2006, Rules and Regulations, 2011 made thereunder. Notices may also be given to E-Commerce businesses wherein these products are available and sold through their portal.

5. The Action Taken Report may be forwarded to this office.

Encls: As above.

Yours faithfully,

(Parveen Jargar)

Joint Director (Regulatory Compliance)

To

1. Commissioner of Food Safety of all States/UTs
2. All Authorised Officers, FSSAI
3. All Central Licensing Authority, FSSAI
4. All E-Commerce Platforms (as per list attached)-Kindly remove this from your platform immediately and confirm action taken.

Copy to:

1. Advisors (Standards), FSSAI-Information w.r.t. file No. Stds/CPL&CP/Misc./Hemp/FSSAI-2017.
2. CITO, FSSAI-for uploading on FSSAI website.

List of E-Commerce Platforms:

1. Sh. Amit Agarwal Vice President and Country Manager, Amazon India, 26/1, 8th Floor, Brigade Gateway, Dr Rajkumar Road, Malleshwaram West, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560055
2. Sh. Binny Bansal, CEO, Flipkart India, Ozone Manay Tech Park #56/18 & 55/09, 7th Floor, Garvebhavipalya, Hosur Road, Bangalore/Bengaluru 560068. cs@flipkart.com
3. Sh. Kunal Bahl, CEO, Snapdeal, 246, 1st Floor, Okhla Industrial Area Phase Iii, Delhi - 110020
4. Sh. Hari Menon, CEO, Bigbasket.com, No.7/1, Off Indiranagar 100 Feet Road Above Lakme, Domlur, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560071, ceo@bigbasket.com
5. Sh. Albinder Dhindsa, CEO, Grofers, Plot 81, Institutional Area, Sector 32, Gurgaon, Haryana 122001
6. Sh. Manoj Kumar, CEO, Meragrocer.com, Omnipresent Retail India Private Limited, A -27/A, First Floor, Hauz Khas, New Delhi - 110016 corporate@meragrocer.com
7. Harshvardhan Mandad, CEO, Tinyowl Technology Pvt. Ltd. Unit No.102 &103 1st Floor A Wing Supreme Business Park, Supreme City, Hiranandani Gardens, Powai Mumbai Maharashtra
8. CEO, GROCERKART, M/s. Idealogistix Retail India Pvt Ltd., Plot No. B73, Journalists B Colony, Jubilee hills, Hyderabad-500033, Email help@grocerkart.com
9. CEO, Futurebazaar, Tower C, 24/7 Park, L.B.S. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai-400083, Maharashtra, India, customerservice@futurebazaar.com
10. CEO, Homeshop18.com, 7th floor, FC-24, Sector-16A, Filmcity, Noida - 201301, Uttar Pradesh, India, care@homeshop18.com
11. CEO, Justbuylive, Sunrise Business Park, Office no. 404 plot no. b68 road no. 16, Kisan Nagar, Wagle Estate Thane West-400604 Maharashtra - India, Email: ish.anand@justbuylive.com
12. CEO, Zopnow, ZopNow.com. #1502, 19th Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector 1, Bangalore - 560102 Email: cs@zopnow.com
13. CEO, Godrej nature's Basket, Natures Basket Ltd., Godrej One, 3rd Floor, Pirojshanagar, Vikhroli (East), Eastern Express Highway, Mumbai - 400 079, Email: cs@naturesbasket.co.in

Hemp Product List

S.No	Name of the Product	Company name	Address of Manufacture	FSSAI License No.
1	Hemp seeds	Urban Platter (Amazon)	Vidya Vihar (West) Mumbai	11516008000191
2	Hemp Protein	Nutiva (Amazon)	Product of Canada	Not Mentioned
3	Organic Raw Hemp Seeds	Agasthiya Herbs and Spices(Amazon)	Tamil Nadu	11215312000236
4	Hemp Seed Oils	Pacific Computech Pvt Ltd. (Amazon)	C-Block Sushant Lok-1 Gurgaon-122009	Not Mentioned
5	Hemp Seeds Flour	Nutri Wish (Amazon)	Hyderabad Telgana	136160120000476
6	Hemp Seed Oil Capsules with Omega	Hamilton healthcare(Amazon)	1163- Rankin Drive, Troy Michigan-48083	Not Mentioned
7	Hemp Seeds	By Nature (Flipcart)	Vikhroli Mumbai-400076	10715025000160
8	Raw Hemp Seeds	Sattive Foods(Amazon)	Sai Samarth Niwas 70/1-Chimbel Tiswadi Goa-403006	10616001000249
9	Hemp Hearts	Mani Toba(Amazon)	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned
10	Hemp Seed Butter	Plant Guru(Amazon)	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned
11	Hemp Seed Oil	AOS Products Pvt. Ltd. (Amazon)	227/Patparganj Village, Mayur Vihar Phase-1 Delhi-110091.	13315003000213