As the festival of light is just around the corner, the Food Safety Department on Saturday inspected small and large manufacturing units to check the quality of sweets and savouries sold.

Officials of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) seized sweets that were made with artificial colourants beyond the permissible limit and lifted samples for laboratory examination.

B. Vijayalalithambigai, designated Officer of FSSAI in Coimbatore, said that 68.5 kg of sweets that were found with excessive use of artificial colourants were seized during the inspections. The foods safety officers also seized 35 litre of reused oil and 13 kg of packaged sweets and savouries that did not have label as mandated by the FSSAI Act.

“Notices have been served to nine shops during the inspections for various violations. We have lifted four samples that will be sent to a Government laboratory for examination,” said Ms. Vijayalalithambigai.