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Department of Health
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Regulation Governing Importation of Food Color Additives

Pursuant to Section 26 (a) of Republic Act 3720 and in order to insure the safety and quality of artificial food color additives being imported from various countries, this regulation is hereby promulgated for the information, guidance and strict compliance for all concerned.

SECTION 1. All food color additives to be distributed for local consumption shall be only those substances included in the BFAD's list of Permissible Color Additives.

SECTION 2. All importers of food color additives shall secure a clearance from the BFAD prior to importation of such substances. Requests for import clearance shall be accompanied by the following documents:

a) Certification from the Health Authorities of the country of origin, duly authenticated by the Philippine Consulate, attesting to the status of the manufacturer and stating the country's laws and regulations governing quality control of food color additives.

(This requirement shall be waived if the status of the manufacturer has been previously ascertained and the same is officially recognized as among those in "good standing" by the BFAD)

b) A copy of the preform invoice for the substances being imported; and

c) A copy of the sales invoice of the latest preceding importation.

3. All incoming shipment shall be inspected and analyzed by the BFAD before authorizing its release from the port of entry. Should there be any delay in the BFAD laboratory analysis, the shipment may be released to the importer provided it shall not be disposed until authorized by the BFAD.

4. Shipments which have been inspected and analyzed by the Health Authorities from the country of origin shall be exempted from BFAD laboratory analysis provided:

a) the specifications for identity and purity for food color additives in that country are in conformity with those established by the BFAD; and

b) the shipping documents include a Certificate of Analysis from the Health Authorities of the country of origin.

5. The primary containers in all incoming shipment shall be properly sealed and identified with a batch/lot number. Samples from the containers with broken seals shall be subjected to BFAD laboratory analysis even if the products in such containers are alleged to have been analyzed by Health Authorities in the country of origin.

6. The requirements stipulated in this regulation shall be implemented 30 days from the date of approval.

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