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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

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#### FOOD ACT, No. 26 OF 1980

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980.

Minister of Health.

Colombo,  
28th April, 2023.

#### Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations 2023 and shall come in to operation with effect from 01st January, 2024.

2. No person shall manufacture, import, store for sale, sell, offer for sale, expose or keep for sale, transport or distribute any type of food grade salt other than iodized food grade salt for purposes of human consumption, including salt used as an ingredient of food and for manufacturing of food, except in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.



## PART I

## NON - IODIZED FOOD GRADE SALT

3. (1) Every person who-

- (a) manufactures and stores non - iodized food grade salt in salterns and transports non - iodized food grade salt from salterns;
- (b) sells non - iodized food grade salt in small containers, not exceeding hundred grams (100g) per container, in pharmacies registered under Section 119 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and on a prescription issued by a medical practitioner; and
- (c) imports, transports, stores or uses any non - iodized food grade salt or common salt for industrial purposes;

Shall obtain a certificate of registration issued by the Director, on an application made in that behalf.

(2) An application for the certificate of registration referred to in subregulation (1) shall be-

- (a) made substantially in the Form set out in the Schedule I hereto; and
- (b) accompanied with all relevant documents as may be specified for that purpose by the Director.

(3) (a) The Director may issue a certificate of registration in accordance with subregulation (4).

- (b) Where the Director refuses the registration, such refusal shall be communicated to the applicant with reasons assigned therefore within thirty days from the date of receipt of the application.

(4) The certificate of registration-

- (a) for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subregulation (1), shall substantially be in the format set out in the Schedule II;
- (b) for the purposes of paragraphs (b) and (c) of subregulation (1), shall substantially be in the format set out in the Schedule III hereto; and
- (c) shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue of such certificate, unless it is revoked or cancelled earlier and subject to such conditions as specified therein.

(5) An application for renewal of the certificate of registration referred to in subregulation (1) shall be-

- (a) made ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the current certificate of registration in the same Form set out in the Schedule I hereto; and
- (b) accompanied by the documents as may be specified for that purpose by the Director.

(6) Renewal of the certificate of registration shall be made by an endorsement on the certificate of registration by the Director.

4. Non-iodized food grade salt shall be-

- (a) in white or off-white colour and free from visible impurities such as clay, grit, shells and other extraneous matters; and

(b) either in granular or powdered form:

Provided however, the powdered form may contain Silicon dioxide (INS 551) or any other anti - caking agent approved in writing by the Chief Food Authority (hereinafter referred to as the “CFA”) on the recommendation of the Food Advisory Committee.

5. Non-iodized food grade salt shall not contain more than-

- (a) 0.5 milligrams per kilogram (0.5 mg/kg) arsenic (As);
- (b) 0.5 milligrams per kilogram (0.5 mg/kg) Cadmium (Cd);
- (c) two milligrams per kilogram (2.0 mg/kg) Lead (Pb); and
- (d) 0.1 milligrams per kilogram (0.1 mg/kg) Mercury (Hg).

6. Non-iodized food grade salt in powdered form shall-

- (a) not contain more than-
  - (i) 0.5 *per centum* (0.5%) m/m moisture;
  - (ii) 0.5 *per centum* (0.5%) m/m matter insoluble in water, on dry basis;
- (b) contain not less than ninety-eight *per centum* (98%) m/m Sodium chloride (NaCl) on dry basis; and
- (c) be where a minimum of ninety-five *per centum* (95%) m/m is capable of passing through a sieve with an aperture of one millimeter (1.0 mm) {B.S. 16}.

7. Non-iodized food grade salt in granular form shall-

- (a) not contain more than-
  - (i) six *per centum* (6.0%) m/m moisture; and
  - (ii) one *per centum* (1.0%) m/m matter insoluble in water, on dry basis;
- (b) contain not less than ninety-seven *per centum* (97%) m/m Sodium chloride (NaCl) on dry basis;

## PART II

### IODIZED FOOD GRADE SALT

- 8. (1) No person shall manufacture, import, store, package or transport iodized food grade salt without a certificate of registration issued by the Director, on an application made on that behalf.
- (2) An application for a certificate of registration referred to in subregulation (1) shall be-
  - (a) made substantially in the Form set out in the Schedule IV hereto; and
  - (b) accompanied by the documents as may be specified for that purpose by the Director;
- (3) (a) The Director may issue a certificate of registration in accordance with subregulation (4).

- (b) Where the Director refuses the registration, such refusal shall be communicated to the applicant with reasons assigned theretofore within thirty days from the date of receipt of the application.
- (4) The certificate of registration issued by the Director, shall be-
- (a) substantially in the Format set out in the Schedule V hereto; and
- (b) valid for a period of one year from the date of issue of such certificate, unless it is revoked or cancelled earlier and subject to such conditions as specified therein.
- (5) An application for renewal of the certificate of registration shall be-
- (a) made ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the current certificate of registration in the same Form set out in the Schedule IV hereto; and
- (b) accompanied by the documents as may be specified for that purpose by the Director.
- (6) Renewal of the certificate of registration shall be made by an endorsement on the certificate of registration by the Director.
9. The holder of the certificate of registration shall display conspicuously the registration number and his name and address-
- (a) at all places where such activities are permitted; and
- (b) on the main panels of labels of all products.
10. Iodized food grade salt shall contain food grade Potassium iodate thereto, complies with the requirements specified in the Schedule VI hereto:

Provided however, the CFA on the recommendation of the Food Advisory Committee may allow to add other fortificants in recommended quantities which are deemed to be of public health importance. The powdered form of iodized food grade salt may contain Silicon dioxide (INS 551) or any other anti-caking agent approved by the CFA on the recommendation of the Food Advisory Committee.

11. Iodized food grade salt shall not contain more than-
- (a) 0.5 milligrams per kilogram (0.5 mg/kg) arsenic (As);
- (b) 0.5 milligrams per kilogram (0.5 mg/kg) Cadmium (Cd);
- (c) two milligrams per kilogram (2.0 mg/kg) Lead (Pb);
- (d) 0.1 milligrams per kilogram (0.1 mg/kg) Mercury (Hg).
12. Iodized food grade salt in powdered form shall-
- (a) not contain more than-
- (i) 0.5 *per centum* (0.5%) m/m moisture; and
- (ii) 0.5 *per centum* (0.5%) m/m matter insoluble in water, on dry basis;

- (b) contain not less than ninety-eight *per centum* (98%) m/m Sodium chloride (NaCl) on dry basis;
- (c) be where a minimum of ninety-five *per centum* (95%) m/m is capable of passing through a sieve with an aperture of one millimeter (1 mm) {B.S. 16};
- (d) not contain more than one *per centum* (1.0%) m/m matter soluble in water other than Sodium chloride (NaCl) on dry basis; and
- (e) contain, on dry basis, not less than fifteen milligrams per kilogram (15mg/kg) Iodine (I) at retail level and not more than thirty-five milligrams per kilogram (35mg/kg) Iodine (I) at manufacturing or importing levels.

13. Iodized food grade salt in granular form shall-

- (a) not contain more than-
  - (i) six *per centum* (6.0%) m/m moisture;
  - (ii) 0.5 *per centum* (0.5%) m/m matter insoluble in water, on dry basis; and
  - (iii) two *per centum* (2.0%) m/m matter soluble in water other than Sodium chloride (NaCl) on dry basis;
- (b) contain not less than ninety-seven *per centum* (97%) m/m Sodium chloride (NaCl) on dry basis;
- (c) contain, on dry basis, not less than fifteen milligrams per kilogram (15 mg/kg) Iodine (I) at retail level and not more than thirty-five milligrams per kilogram (35 mg/kg) Iodine (I) at manufacturing or importing levels; and
- (d) be where a minimum of eighty *per centum* (80%) (m/m) is capable of passing through a sieve with an aperture of 4.75 millimeters (4.75mm) {B.S.4} and ninety-five *per centum* (95%) (m/m) shall retain when passing through a sieve with an aperture of one millimeter (1 mm) {B.S.16}.

PART III

**General**

14. Food grade salt (Iodized and Non-Iodized) shall be packed in transparent food grade air tight packages or containers and when the packing material is in polythene, the thickness of such material shall be not less than 75 micrometers:

Provided however, this regulation shall not apply to iodized food grade salt in free-flowing powdered form in containers used as table top sprinklers.

15. (1) There shall be marked or printed indelibly on the main panel of the label of any package containing food grade salt in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages the common name of the product as “Food Grade Salt-Granular” or “Food Grade Salt-Powder”, as the case may be.
- (2) On the main panel of the label of any package containing iodized food grade salt, there shall be marked or printed indelibly and legibly in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages the following:
- (a) the common name of the product as “Iodized Food Grade Salt-Granular” or “Iodized Food Grade Salt-Powder”, as the case may be;
  - (b) the words “Use without washing”; and
  - (c) the words “Store away from sunlight and heat.”.

16. The relevant fee shall be paid for the issuing of a certificate of registration and its renewal as specified in the Schedule VII hereto.
17. The Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations 2005 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 1405/3 of August 11, 2005 are hereby rescinded without prejudice to anything previously lawfully done thereunder.

#### PART IV

#### Interpretation

18. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires-

“Act” means the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980;

“Chief Food Authority” means the Director General of Health Services as Designated under Section 11 of the Act;

“Common salt” means a form of salt obtained by evaporation of sea water and by washing off its impurities, which contains not less than ninety-Seven *per centum* (97%) of Sodium chloride by weight on a dry matter basis, white or off-white in colour free from visible impurities such as clay, grit, shells and other extraneous matters;

“Director” means the Director in charge of the Food Control Administration Unit;

“Food Advisory Committee” means the Food Advisory Committee appointed under Section 8 of the Act;

“medical practitioner” shall have the same meaning as in the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105); and

“person” includes a body corporate or unincorporated.

SCHEDULE I

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE  
OF NON-IODIZED FOOD GRADE  
STORAGE OR USAGE OF NON-  
INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES/ SELL**

1. Full Name of Applicant:- .....  
National Identity Card No:-.....
2. Designation:-  
.....
3. Address:-  
.....  
.....  
Telephone No:-.....
4. Purpose of the Application:-  
(Please read and tick (✓) the relevant purpose)  
(i) Manufacturing of food grade salt  
(ii) Importation, transport and storage of food grade salt  
(iii) Storage of food grade salt  
(iv) Use of food grade salt for non-industrial purposes  
(v) Retail sale of food grade salt
5. A . Type/ Name of Industry/ Pharmacy  
B . Address of Industry/Pharmacy
6. Business/Company Registration No.  
(Attach a photocopy of the Certificate)
7. Nature of the Trade:- Government / Private
8. Brand Name(s) of the Product:
9. Name and address of the Company
10. Name and address of Owner/ Beneficiary  
.....  
.....
11. Previous Registration No. and date
12. Annual Production capacity (Metric Tons)
13. Name of product manufactured

14. Percentage of food grade salt used

15. Reasons why iodized food grade salt is not used

16. Expected annual requirement of food grade salt

17. Expected amount of stock of food grade salt

Date:-.....

*For office use only*

Fee of registration (for office use)

Rs..... Received

**Certification of the Food and Drug Inspector**

1. I have duly inspected the premises and the declarations.
2. The declarations furnished by the applicant are true.
3. The applicant requires ..... successful operation of his/ her industry.
4. Remarks:

Food and Drug Inspector

Date:

**Recommendation of the Assistant Director**

Recommended/ Not Recommended

Date:

Assistant

**Approval of the Director (Food Control)**

APProved/ Not Approved

Date:



**SCHEDULE II**

[Regulation 3(4)(a)]

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR MANUFACTURING AND STORAGE OF NON-IODIZED  
FOOD GRADE SALT IN SALTURNS**

Registration No:- .....

Date of Registration:-.....

Subject to the provisions of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980, the undermentioned applicant is hereby registered for the purpose of manufacturing/ storage of food grade salt in salterns.

1. Name and address of the Applicant: - .....  
.....  
.....

2. Location of salterns: - .....

3. Total Land Areas of salterns (acres):- .....

*Conditions:-*

1. All persons manufacturing/ storing food grade salt shall comply with the Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations 2023.
2. Holder of this certificate of registration shall maintain a record of production (Kg)
3. This certificate of registration shall be valid for one (01) year from .....

.....  
Director in charge of Food Control Administration Unit

### SCHEDULE III

#### CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR IMPORTATION / TRANSPORTATION / STORAGE/ USAGE OF NON-IODIZED FOOD GRADE SALT OR COMMON SALT FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES OR SELLING OF NON-IODIZED FOOD GRADE SALT IN A REGISTERED PHARMACY

Mr/ Mrs/ Miss .....  
.....bearer of  
being the .....  
.....sit  
permission in terms of 2023 the Food (Iodized)  
.....of ..... 2021 im  
salt and store .....Kg of non-iodized  
his/ her industry/ pharmacy, referred to  
This certificate is valid for a period of o

Date:

Note:-

1. Any salt manufacturer issuing the salt grade salt/common salt issued to the indicate the date of issue. In the case the Imported Food Inspection Unit (
2. If the consignment of salt purchased shall be made on the body of the rele the case of imported food grade salt certificate without such endorsement day other than the day purchased or (other side of certificate)

To be filled by the Authorized Salt Inspection Unit (IFIU)

Quantity of salt specified in the certificate of registration overleaf	Quantity of salt issued/ imported	Date

SCHEDULE IV

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION FOR IMPORTATION/ TRANSPORTATION**

1. Full Name of Applicant:- .....  
National Identity Card Number:- .....
2. Designation:- .....
3. Address:-  
.....  
.....  
Telephone No:-.....
4. Purpose of the Application:-  
(Please read and tick (✓) the relevant purpose)  
- (i) Iodization of food grains  
- (ii) Packaging of Iodized salt  
- (iii) Importation of iodized salt  
- (iv) Storage of iodized food  
.....
5. A. Type/ Name of Industry:-.....  
B. Address of Industry/ Stores:-.....
6. Business Registration No:- .....  
(Attach a photocopy of the certificate)
7. Nature of the trade:- Government / Private
8. Brand Name(s) of the product:- .....
9. Name and address of the Company:- .....
10. Name and address of Owner/ Beneficiary:-  
.....  
.....
11. Previous Registration Number:- .....
12. Annual Production Capacity (MT):- .....
- Date:-.....

*For office use only*

Fee of registration

Rs..... Rece

**Certification of the Food and Drug Inspector**

1. I have duly inspected the premises and the declarations.
2. The declarations furnished by the applicant are true and correct.
3. The applicant requires ..... operation of his/ her industry.
4. Remarks:

Food and Drug Inspector

Date:

**Recommendation of the Assistant Director**

Recommended/ Not Recommended

Date:

**Approval of the Director in charge of Food Control Administration Unit**

Approved/ Not Approved

Date:

Director in charge of Food Control Administration Unit

**SCHEDULE V**

[Regulation 8(4)(a)]

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR IODIZATION OF FOOD GRADE SALT**

**PART I**

Registration No:-..... Date of registration.....

Subject to the provisions of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 and Regulations made thereunder, the under mentioned applicant is hereby registered for the purpose of manufacturing/ importation/ packaging/ storing of iodized food grade salt.

1. Name and Address of Applicant: - .....  
.....
2. Location of iodization facility: - .....  
.....
3. Brand Name(s) of the Product: - .....

**Conditions:-**

1. All persons manufacturing/ importing/ packaging/ storing iodized food grade salt shall comply with the Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations 2023.
2. Holder of this certificate shall maintain a record of laboratory reports of each and every batch.
3. This Certificate of Registration shall be valid for one (01) year from .....

.....  
Director in charge of Food Control Administration Unit

## WRITTEN PERMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORT

Mr/ Mrs/ Miss

..... bearer  
being the .....  
named .....  
permission in terms of the Food (Importation) Regulations, 2023, of ..... 2021 to import  
grade salt and store ..... kgs, of food  
referred to above.

This permission is valid for a period of .....

Date: .....

Note: -

1. Any salt manufacturer issuing the permission shall indicate the date of issue. In the case of importation, the permission shall be issued by the Food Inspection Unit (FIU) for verification.
  2. If the consignment of salt purchased or imported shall be made on the body of the relevant written permission of imported food grade salt, by the manufacturer without such endorsement shall not be purchased or cleared from the port of destination.
- (other side of the written permission)

To be filled by the Authorized  
Inspection Unit (FIU)

Quantity of salt specified in the written permission overleaf	Quantity of salt issued/ imported	Date

SCHEDULE V

REQUIREMENTS

1. Food grade Potassium iodate shall be a crystalline powder free from impurities and shall-

(a) contain more

(b) not contain r

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(iv)

2. Loss on drying of food grade Potassium iodate shall not exceed five per centum (5%) (m/m) aqueous solution

(1) Following fees shall be payable for the annual production or packaging capacity

ANNUAL PRODUCTION
1,000 Metric Ton (MT) and
1,001 Metric Ton (MT) to 5
5,001 Metric Ton (MT) and

(2) A fee of two thousand rup if the original is damaged or lost and s

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