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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 under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980, in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee.

KEHELIYA RAMBUKWELLA,
Minister of Health.

Colombo,
27th January, 2023.

Regulations

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food (Colour Coding for sugar levels - liquid) Regulations 2022 and shall come into operation on January 1, 2024.



2. (1) Any liquid food which is in a ready to drink form and which contains sugar shall be labeled in the manner as specified in these regulations.

(2) Where-

- (a) any liquid food has to be prepared or reconstituted without changing its liquid form before consumption in accordance with the directions specified in the label of the container of such food ; or
- (b) any solid or semi solid food has to be prepared or reconstituted and brought to liquid form before consumption in accordance with the directions specified in the label of the container of such food;

and such liquid or solid or semi solid food upon being so prepared or reconstituted contains sugar, the container of such food shall be labeled in the manner as specified in these regulations.

(3) Where any food refers to in this regulation is a pre-packaged imported product, a supplementary label may be affixed on the container or the package of such food and such label shall contain the logos as specified in these regulations.

3. (1) Where any food referred to in these regulations contains any amount of sugar specified in Column I of the Schedule hereto, the label of such container or the package which contains such food shall have the corresponding logo (hereinafter referred to as “the logo”) specified in Column III of the Schedule hereto in the corresponding colour specified in Column II of the Schedule hereto.

(2) The logo specified in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation shall be prepared, designed and displayed in accordance with the following :-

- (a) the height of the logo shall not be less than 2cm and the width of the logo shall not be less than 1cm ;
- (b) (i) a description of the “sugar” content in such food shall be as specified in Column III of the Schedule hereto and shall be displayed within the logo in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages respectively in bold white and shall be of minimum 2 mm font size ;
- (ii) a numeric description of the sugar content in such food shall be within a white box as shown in Column III of the Schedule hereto and shall be of minimum 1.5 mm font size in bold black.

4. The logo shall be displayed in the main panel of the label of the container or the package which contains such food.

5. Where any food referred to in these regulations contains in glass bottles, which are in circulation at the time of coming into operation of these regulations, the logo shall be displayed on the crown or closure of such glass bottle until May 1, 2024.

6. The provisions of these regulations shall not apply to :-

- (a) any food referred to in these regulations which contains inherent sugar or added sugar in an amount less than 0.5g/100 ml;
- (b) bottled or packaged drinking water or natural mineral water ;
- (c) any standardized milk, semi skimmed milk, low fat milk, skimmed milk, non fat milk or toned milk which has been subjected to pasteurization or sterilization or Ultra Heat Treatment (UHT) ;
- (d) spices and spice mixes, food additives, flavouring substances, black tea, green tea, ground coffee, single ingredient herbal infusion, Bee honey, treacle and 100% glucose ;
- (e) infant formulae (starter), follow - up formulae ;

- (f) and food for special dietary uses or where the label predominantly displays that it is to be used under medical guidance or on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner ;
- (g) products packaged solely for export purpose ;
- (h) bulk packs, where the retail packs contained therein complies with these regulations ; or
- (i) any food referred to in these regulations manufactured before the date on which these regulations come into operation.

7. Food (Colour Coding for Sugar levels) Regulations 2016 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1965/18 of May 3, 2016 are hereby rescinded without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

8. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

“amber” means R255, G195 and B9 in Red, Green, Blue colour system (RGB) or equivalent ;

“green” means G195 in Red, Green, Blue colour system (RGB) or equivalent ;




“main panel” means the part of the label which is most likely to be displayed, presented, shown or examined under customary conditions of display for retail sale ;

“red” means R230 in Red, Green, Blue colour system (RGB) or equivalent ; and

“sugar” means total sugar contained in food, in the form of monosaccharides and disaccharides.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

<i>Column I Sugar content</i>	<i>Column II Colour</i>	<i>Column III Logo</i>
more than 8.0g/100 ml	Red	
2.5g to 8.0g/100 ml	Amber	
Less than 2.5g/100 ml	Green	

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