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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.

NIMAL SIRIPALA DE SILVA,  
Minister of Healthcare, Nutrition and  
Uva Wellassa Development.

Colombo,  
05 August, 2005.

### Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations, 2005 and shall come into operation on 31st of December, 2005.

2. Iodized edible common salt shall be in the form of ordinary salt obtained by washing off its impurities and adding thereto the ingredients of potassium iodide, potassium iodate or calcium iodate, which contains sodium chloride of not less than ninety seven percentum (97%) by weight on dry matter basis :

Provided however, that suitable stabilizing agents shall be used if potassium iodide has been used for iodization of salt.

3. Iodized edible common salt shall be crystallized solids either in granular or powdered form and white in color, free from visible impurities such as clay, grit, shells and other extraneous matters.

4. Eighty percentum (80%) by weight of the iodized edible common salt in granular form should be capable of passing through a sieve, with an aperture of 4.75 mm (B.S.4).

5. Iodized edible common salt shall comply with the following requirements :-

- (a) The level of moisture in such salt shall be less than six percentum (6%) by weight ;
- (b) matters insoluble in water, on dry basis shall be less than half percentum (0.5%) by weight ;
- (c) sodium chloride (NaCl) content on dry basis shall be not less than ninety seven percentum (97%) by weight;
- (d) matters soluble in water other than sodium chloride on dry basis, shall be less than two percentum (2%) by weight ; and
- (e) the iodine (I) content of the salt, on dry basis, shall be not less than fifteen mg per kilogram (15 mg) of the salt and not more than thirty mg per kilogram (30 mg) of the salt.

6. The iodized edible common salt shall be packed in transparent containers. Where the packing material is polythene, the thickness of such material shall be not less than 75 micrometers :

Provided however, that the provisions of this regulation shall not apply to iodized edible common salt in free-flowing powdered form in containers used as table-top sprinklers.

7. (a) Packages containing iodized edible common salts shall be labeled according to the Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations - 2005 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1376/9 dated 19.01.2005.

(b) There shall be printed or painted on the label of any package containing iodized edible common salt in any two of the three languages namely Sinhala, Tamil and English of the following :-

(i) the common name of the product as "Iodized Edible Common Salt" or "Iodated Edible Common Salt" ;

(ii) the words "use without washing" ;

(iii) the words "store away from sunlight and heat".

8. No person shall manufacture, import, store for sale, sell, offer for sale, expose or keep for sale, transport or distribute any type of edible common salt other than iodized or iodated common salt for purposes of human consumption, including salt used as an ingredient of food and for food manufacture :

Provided however, that the provisions of this regulation shall not apply to the use of common salt for industrial purposes under the authority of a Permit issued by the Chief Food Authority after registration of such industry with the Chief Food Authority.

9. An application for a permit under regulation 8 shall be made in the prescribed Form set out in Schedule I to these regulations.

10. A Permit issued under regulation 9 shall be substantially in the Form set out in Schedule II to these regulations.

11. The Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations - 1993, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 788/7 dated October 14, 1993 are hereby rescinded.

#### SCHEDULE I

[Regulation 9]

The Director-General of Health Services,  
(Chief Food Authority),  
Department of Health Services,  
385, Ven. Baddegama Wimalawansa Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.

#### APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO PURCHASE / IMPORT / TRANSPORT COMMON SALT FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

1. Full Name of Applicant :———,

2. Address :———,

3. Type / Name of Industry :———,

4. Business Registration No. :\_\_\_\_\_,  
(attach a photocopy of the Certificate of the Registration)
5. Name of product manufactured :\_\_\_\_\_,  
(Ex. Iodated Salt / others)
6. Percentage of common salt used as an ingredient in the product :\_\_\_\_\_,
7. Reasons why iodized common salt should not be / need not be used :\_\_\_\_\_,  
(for products other than Iodated Salt)
8. Quantity applied for :\_\_\_\_\_,

Date :\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Signature of Applicant.

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*For office use only*

**Certificate of the Food and Drugs Inspector**

1. I have duly inspected the premises where the applicant is carrying on the above industry and verified his declarations.

2. The declarations furnished by the applicant are true and accurate.

3. The applicant requires ..... kgs of common salt for ..... months for the successful operation of his / her industry.

4. Remarks :

Date :

Food and Drugs Inspector

Official Seal

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**Recommendation of the AD (FCAU)**

Recommended / Not Recommended.

Assistant Director - (FCAU)

Date :

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**Approval of the Director (E and OH)**

Approved / Not Approved.

Director (E & OH)

Date :

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SCHEDULE II

[Regulation 10]

PERMIT TO PURCHASE / IMPORT / TRANSPORT COMMON SALT FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

Mr. / Mrs. / Miss ..... of .....  
..... bearer of National Identity Card No. ....  
being the ..... of the industry named .....  
situated at ..... is hereby  
granted permission in terms of Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations - 2005, published in the *Gazette Extraordinary*  
No. 1405/3 of August 11, 2005 to purchase / import / transport / store .....  
..... kgs of common salt for use in connection with his / her industry, referred  
to above.

Date :

*Director - E & OH*  
*For Chief Food Authority*

*Note :—*

1. This permit is valid for purchase / import / transport / store only one consignment of salt specified in the permit. Any salt manufacturer issuing the said quantity of salt should indicate the quantity of salt issued to the permit holder on the body of the relevant permit in indelible ink and indicate the date of issue. In the case of imported salt, the permit should be produced at the Imported Food Inspection Unit for verification and endorsement at the time of clearance.
2. If the consignment of salt purchased / imported is not transported on the same day, endorsement to that effect should be made on the body of the relevant permit by the organization issuing salt or in the case of imported salt, by the official of the Imported Food Inspection Unit. A permit without such endorsement is not valid for transport of salt on days other than the day purchased or cleared from the port.

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