

CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT II

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Subject : Guidelines for processing and registration of application for IS 13428:1998 –
Packaged Natural Mineral Water-Specification

While scrutinizing the Red Form pertaining to Packaged Natural Mineral Water as per IS 13428:1998, it was observed that the applicants are using reverse osmosis processes and/or activated carbon bed for filtration etc., which is not in line with the requirement of Cl.4.1 and 4.2 of the specification and also not in the spirit of Natural Mineral Water definition given at Cl.3.1. This was discussed with ADGM and concerned department. It was felt that as per IS 13428:1998, the water is to be drawn from Natural source and packaged in the drawn condition or after simple mechanical filtration, if required, and therefore, filtration by reverse osmosis, active carbon bed etc. should not be permitted. The approval of Competent Authority has also been obtained in this context.

In order to remove the ambiguity in Cl.4.1 of the standard, FAD has been requested to issue an amendment to the standard to this effect on top priority basis.

As per clause 6.3 of IS 13428:1998 pesticides residues shall be below the detectable limits when tested in accordance with the relevant as per Annex 'N' of the Specification. The matter has also been discussed with the concerned department (FAD) and it is informed that all the 29 Pesticide residues for which method of test has been listed in Annex 'N' have to be tested for Mineral Water. The DGHS is in the process of amending the PFA Act to include Natural Mineral Water under its purview.

ROs/BOs are therefore, requested to examine the existing applications pending with them in view of the above and take suitable action accordingly.

In case the applicant is not meeting the requirements of IS 13428:1998, the applicant may be approached for getting their written consent for processing their application as per IS 14543:1998 Packed Drinking Water (Other than Packaged Natural Mineral Water).

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