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(Central Marks Department II)

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During the Regional Review Meeting of licensees for Packaged Drinking Water under WRO organized at Mumbai on 9 November 2001, the data presented reflected that:

1) The number of periodic inspections carried out so far were not inline with CMD letter No.CMD-II/16:14543 and 13428 dated 30 April 2001 circulating minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2001.

In the circular under reference, it was desired that keeping in view the sensitivity and importance of the subject a minimum of three inspections should be arranged during the operative year.

2) The number of failures observed in case of samples drawn in higher capacity bottles (returnable and reusable) or pouches were higher and a cause of concern.

ADGM desired that:

- i) All ROs/BOs to ensure the required number of periodic inspections to licensees for Packaged Drinking Water and Packaged Natural Mineral Water.
- ii) To take appropriate measures and to ensure proper hygienic conditions and procedure for cleaning reusable bottles so that the failures do not occur in future.
- iii) While drawing the market samples an effort should be made to draw sample from the batches which are in the last stages of the shelf life period but keeping in view the period for testing, the testing must be completed within the shelf life period.

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Circulated to all ROs/BOs

Copy to : FAD The above results indicate the need for developing guidelines for procedure for cleaning reusable bottles for packing drinking water.

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