

CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT-II

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Some of the certification issues related to Packaged drinking water and Packaged natural mineral water were referred to FAD by CMD-II. They were taken up during the technical committee meeting held on 10 December 2003. Copy of the minutes has been received and the decision taken/recommendation made are reproduced below:

- a) Test method for Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon as per Amd. No.4 to IS 14543

As per amendment No.4 Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon is to be tested as per internationally established test method but no test method has been specified by FAD. It was discussed during the meeting and the representative of "Choksi Lab informed that APHA test method may be used for this purpose. They were requested to send a copy of the test method to BIS for reference and perusal. Test method for Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon will be informed to BOs as soon as it is finalized by FAD for implementation of amendment No.4.

- b) Marking of batch No. manufacturing date and best before date on the container of Packaged drinking water instead of on the label.

The issue of marking batch No., manufacturing date and best before date on the container itself of packaged drinking water and Packaged natural mineral water was taken up with the technical committee. The committee decided that such information may be given on the neck of the bottle by laser printing subject to indicating on the label of the product that such marking are given at specified place.

- c) Declaration of Shelf Life of Packaged drinking water

One of the branch office raised the issue of shelf life of Packaged drinking water as one of the licensee is declaring a shelf life of 15 days from the date of manufacturing. It was causing lot of difficulties in monitoring the operation of licence particularly procurement and testing of the market sample. The Committee deliberated and decided that shelf life of such product can not be in days. Further the data pertains to shelf life declaration given by the various licensees may be provided to this committee for facilitating the decisions taking process for specifying the minimum shelf life. All BOs are requested to send the data on shelf life to be submitted to the technical committee in the following format separately for pouches, bottles and jars within two weeks.

Shelf life declaration	No. of licences
15 days	
1 Month	
2 Months	
3 Months	
4 Months	
5 Months	
6 Months	

Further the issue of implementation of Amendment No.4 to IS 13428 specification for Packaged natural mineral water was also taken up with FAD. FAD has informed that the implementation of Amendment No.4 to IS 13428 is lying pending in absence of the decisions/notification on the same by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Till such time the reply is pending from Ministry of health, the implementation of Amendment No.4 to IS 13428 may be continued to be kept in abeyance (copy enclosed).

Recent amendment to PFA rule 1955 GSR 831(E) dated 21 October 2003 was circulated to all ROs on 24 December 2003 for informing all BOs under their jurisdiction for implementation (copy of the notification enclosed). All BOs are advised to ensure that one time usable plastic bottle of Packaged drinking water/Packaged natural mineral water shall carry the following declaration “crush the bottle after use”.

We would also like to inform that Amendment No.4 & 5 to IS 13428 and Amendment No.4, 5 & 6 to IS 14543 have been gazetted. Copy enclosed for information and necessary action.

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Circulated to all ROs/BOs