



DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS TECHNOLOGY

TOPIC : LAWS GOVERNING TRADE IN MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

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MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS ORDER (MFPO) :

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- Meat is a highly perishable commodity, sanitary conditions and utmost hygienic measures are necessary to safeguard the quality of processed meat food products.
- In 1973, Government of India promulgated an order to enforce strict quality control on the production and processing of meat food products under essential commodities Act 1955
- Every application for grant of license shall be made as per proforma set out in the first schedule of this order
- All meat processing units which produce meat food products for sale within the country come under its preview. However, restaurant and hotels that sell meat food products for consumption within their premises are exempted
- The order does not apply on the raw meat
- It may be noted that no dealer, agent, broker or vendor can sell or expose for sale or dispatch or deliver any meat food products unless the same are manufactured by MFPO licensees

POWER OF MFPO OFFICERS :

- To enter and inspect the premises of meat food products manufacturers in order to check whether the requirements of this order are followed
- In case of any violation in this order they seize or detain on giving proper receipt raw material, documents, account books or evidence related to manufacture of meat products

CATEGORIES

- Under meat food products order, 1973 there are **3 categories**

CATEGORY – A : Includes those manufactures or licensees of meat food products who possess their own slaughterhouse

CATEGORY –B : Includes those who purchase meat from approved slaughterhouse

CATEGORY – C : Includes those who purchase raw meat from any other source

SCHEDULES

Meat food products order, 1973 contains “ Four schedules”

1st SCHEDULE - It deals with application for license or renewal of license under MFPO

2nd SCHEDULE - Under this schedule the minimum sanitary requirements are complied with by a license

3rd SCHEDULE - In this hygienic requirements to be complied with by a license who also slaughters animals in this factory

4th SCHEDULE - And in 4th schedule the requirements to be complied with as regards to packaging, marking and labelling the containers of meat food products

As per MFPO standards, canned meat food products should not contain poisonous elements viz

ELEMENTS

WEIGHT (ppm)

Lead	2.5
Copper	20
Arsenic	2
Tin	250
Zinc	50

FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS ACT, 2006

- This act has been promulgated by the govt. Of india in the year 2006 for the establishment of an autonomous body called food safety and standards authority
- Food authority would have a chairman/ CEO and a secretariat and it will have a central advisory Committee, scientific committee and scientific panels to advice on various relevant issue
- The law would be enforced with the help of state food safety commissioners at state level and designated officer (SDO) licensing officer at dist. level

THE FOLLOWING ACTS UNDER FSSAI

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OFFENCES

- Selling sub standard food
- Misbranded
- Misleading advertisement
- Entraneous
- Unsafe

PENALTIES

- Fine upto 5lakhs
- Fine upto 3lakhs
- Fine upto 10lakhs
- Fine upto 1 lakh
- Imprisonment + fine

- Designated officer to be sanctioning authority for launching prosecutions
- Designated officer to decide whether contravention is punishable with imprisonment or fine only
- Time limit for prosecution – within one year
- Offence punishable with imprisonment exceeding 3 yrs to be referred to special courts
- Penalties are graded According to gravity of offence but stringent than existing one

**Reference : *outline of meat science and technology*
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THANK YOU