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LEGAL NOTICE NO. 13 OF 1999

Lesotho Iodization Regulations,1999

Pursuant to section 71 of the Public Health Order 1970,I,

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Minister of Health, male the following Regulations:-

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as Lesotho Salt Iodization Regulations,1999 and shall come into operation on the date of publication in the Gazette.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise, "food grade salt" means salt containing not less than 97% crystalline sodium chloride on a dry matter basis, including table salt coarse salt;"impermeable packaging material" means material which may consist of one or more of the following substances: low density polyethylene, high polyethylene, woven polypropylene or similar materials ,and includes polycoated cardboard;"iodated salt" and food grade salt or other salt intended for human and animal consumption to which between 40 and 90 ppm (mg/kg) iodine in the form of potassium iodated has been added;"low sodium salt" means salt containing less than 67% sodium chloride;"the Order" means the Public Health Order,1970,Order No.12 of 1970,and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Order shall bear that meaning;"table salt" means salt that contains no more than 4% moisture and 40-60 ppm(mg/kg)fluride and not less than 98.4% sodium chloride in its water free state.

Requirements

3. A manufacturer shall ensure that:-
 - a) Food grade salt or other salt intended for human or animal consumption which is imported into Lesotho shall contain between 40 and 60 ppm(m/kg)iodine and labeled "iodated salt";
 - b) Iodated salt is to be packed in sealed impermeable packaging material with a lining of high density polypropylene;
 - c) The date of iodations is to be indicated on the label of the product together with other information such as lot or batch number, manufacture date, expiration date of the salt and net weight thereto.

Random check tests

4. 1) Health Inspectors shall conduct and administer random check tests at retail level to monitor salt iodine quality and levels.
- 2) Customer and Excise official shall conduct random check tests at all ports entry into Lesotho to monitor salt iodine levels on all imported salt.

Offences

5. 1) No person shall-
 - a) Import into Lesotho ; or
 - b) Sell

Food grade or other salt intended for human or animal consumption unless iodine has been added thereto.

2) A person who contravenes the provisions of sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding on thousand maloti or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or both fine and imprisonment.

3) In addition to a fine or imprisonment imposed under sub-regulation (2), the Health Inspection shall confiscate such salt.

Exemptions

6. These Regulations shall not apply to food grade salt or other salt indented for-
 - a) Use in the manufacture of compound food stuffs which is packed in bags of 20 kg or more and labeled “non-iodated”; or
 - b) Experimenting purposes

DATED:

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Minister of Health

NOTE

1. Order No. 12 of 1970