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Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies
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CIRCULAR NO.21/12

Sub: - CFS – License & Registration under FSS Act - Regarding

Ref:- Lr.No.A.763/12/CFS(2) dated 17.5.2012 of Commissioner of Food Safety.

Commissioner of Food Safety has informed that various food outlets like Neethi Store, Co-operative Stores and Foreign liquor outlets under jurisdiction of Co-operative department have not applied for registration/License under the new Food Safety and standards Act 2006.

The relevant provisions in the Act are as detailed below.

Section 31 (1) : No person shall commence or carry any food business except under a license.

Section 3 (1) (n): Food business means any undertakings whether for profit or not and whether public or private, carrying out any of the activities related to any stage of manufacture, processing, packing, storage, transportation, distribution of food import and includes food services, catering services sale of food or food ingredients.

Section 3 (1) (i): Definition : of Food, alcoholic drink is a food article and toddy is a standardised food item as per Regulation 2.10.5 (1).

In short all units under Civil Supplies Corporation, Co-operative Department or any other public undertakings dealing with food shall take license from Food safety department. It may also be seen that selling of food without taking license/registration under FSS Act are liable to be punished with six months imprisonment and a fine which may extent to Rs.5 lakhs.

In the above circumstances, it is informed that all institutions in co-operative Department dealing with food outlets like Neethi Stores, Co-operative Stores Liquer shop have to procure License/Registration from food safety department.

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REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.