

**Proceedings of the Commissioner of Food Safety,
Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.**

Present: A.R.Ajayakumar IAS

CFS- Inspection of Food articles at major Check posts in Kerala-setting up of Squad and other arrangements - Orders issued.

Read: Order No. GO(Rt)No.866/2020/H&FWD dated 11/05/2020.

Order No.B1-3174/2020/CFS dt. 20.05.2020

In order to ensure safety of food articles such as milk, vegetables, fish etc. coming from other states, vide reference cited Government have issued order to set up Food Safety squads at four major check posts viz: Amaravila (Thiruvananthapuram), Walayar (Palakkad), Aryancavu (Kollam) and Manjeswaram (Kasaragod).

In the circumstances, the following operational instructions are issued for strict compliance.

1. All Food Safety Officers/Clerks/Office Attendants shall attend the check post duty on rotation basis.
2. Each inspection squad shall be headed by one Food Safety Officer and assisted by one Clerk and one Office Attendant.
3. The deployment of staff for check post duty shall be done by the Deputy Commissioners concerned on rotation basis from the district under their jurisdiction on monthly basis. In the case of Walayar check post the staff shall be deputed by Deputy Commissioner, Ernakulam from among the staff working in Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad & Malappuram Districts.
4. Necessary accommodation arrangements for the inspection team and mobile lab at Rest houses/check post buildings shall be made by the concerned Designated Officers in consultation with District Collector/Executive Engineer, PWD Buildings.
5. Mobile Food Testing Laboratory shall also be deployed in the above check posts.
6. Two inspection teams shall be posted in each check post at a time. i.e.. one for day duty and the other for night duty on rotation basis. The tenure of posting for one squad shall be for seven days including holidays

7. Compensatory duty off can be availed by the staff members in lieu of extended hours of work and duties on holidays.
8. The squad shall function round the clock at the check post on rotation basis from 7 am to 7 pm in day time and 7 pm to 7am during night time.
9. Statutory food samples shall be taken on regular basis and quick test conducted using mobile labs.
10. Each squads will be provided with a separate mobile phone with sim card.
11. Assistant Commissioners, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Palakkad & Kasaragod shall allot a separate vehicle exclusively for check post inspections.
12. The above squad shall start functioning from 1st June 2020 onwards.



COMMISSIONER OF FOOD SAFETY

To

1. All the Deputy Commissioners of Food Safety/
2. All the Assistant Commissioners of Food Safety
3. All Food Safety officers/Ministerial staff/Office Attendant (Through Assistant Commissioners)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare (Department), Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram(with C/L)
2. Joint Commissioner of food Safety (A&L)/Enforcement
3. Deputy Director (PFA)
4. The Chief Government Analyst, Govt.Analyst's Lab, Thiruvananthapuram
5. The Government Analyst, Regional Analytical Lab, Ernakulam/Kozhikode
6. Administrative Officer
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