

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FOOD SAFETY ,  
KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**Present:- V R Vinod I A S**

CFS – Prohibition of Manufacture, storage, distribution or sale of gutkha and panmasala containing Tobacco or Nicotine in the interest of public health – Orders issued.

**Order No.-CFS/330/2023-B1 dated.01-07-2023**

WHEREAS, regulation 2.3.4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulation, 2011 made by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (i) of sub-section (2) of Section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (central Act 34 of 2006) read with Section 26 thereof, prohibits articles of food in which tobacco and nicotine are used as ingredients, as they are injurious to health.

AND WHEREAS, gutkha and panmasala are articles of food in which tobacco and nicotine are widely used as ingredients now-a days;

AND WHEREAS, it is expedient to prohibit gutka and panmasala in the State of Kerala, being food products in which tobacco and nicotine are widely used as ingredients;

AND WHEREAS , the Commissioner of Food Safety of the State is empowered under Section 30 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 to prohibit in interest of public health, the manufacture, storage, distribution or sale of any article of food in the whole of State.

Now, THEREFORE, in pursuance of regulation 2.3.4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulation, 2011, the manufacture, the storage, the sale or the distribution of gutkha and panmasala containing tobacco or nicotine as ingredients, by whatsoever name it is available in the market, is hereby prohibited in the State of Kerala in the interest of Public Health.

VR VINOD IAS  
**Commissioner of Food Safety**

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4. All the Deputy Commissioner of Food Safety
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