

F. No: 36-5/2018-QCC (Part-II)
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution
(Quality Control Cell)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated The 03rd February 2023

To,

2. The Principal Secretary / Secretary,
Food and Civil Supplies Department,
All State Government/UTs.....

2. The Chairman & Managing Director,
Food Corporation of India,
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Subject: Advisory in respect to adulteration of FRK with Citric Acid-reg.

With reference to the subject cited above, it is to say that during the joint inspection of Ministry and FCI with State Government, it came to the notice that FRK manufactures use a chemical named as 'Citric Acid' to improve the shining quality of FRK. Moreover, the concentration/quantity of Citric Acid used by FRK manufactures is not fixed and being used according to their aptness, which is toxic and not advised, as per FSSAI norms.

2. In this context, it is requested to issue suitable guidelines/advisory to concerned testing agencies involved in testing of FRK, to perform test for detection of citric acid in Fortified Rice Kernels. Also guidelines/advisory may be issued to concerned millers/manufacturers regarding adulteration of FRK with Citric Acid and other chemicals that are not specified as per FSSAI norms. Further strict compliance of the advisory may be ensured at all the levels.

Yours faithfully

(Signature)
29/2/2023

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