PUBLIC NOTICE NO.15/2017

Sub: - Import of food items for personal use – FSSAI NOC –reg.

Kind attention of Importers, Authorized Couriers, Express Industry Council of India, FedEx, DHL, Members of trade and all concerned is invited to Food Safety and Standard (Food Import) Regulation, 2017 – Chapter IV – Food Import Clearance for specific purposes wherein as per Para 7 (1) it is stated that “nothing contained in these regulations shall apply to any person bringing in any article of food for his personal use provided that the value of such article of food shall not exceed the amount as allowed by Customs from time to time”.

2. From Para 7 (1) of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulation, 2017, it is clear the Custom shall allow import of food article for personal use without getting any NOC from FSSAI upto a value as decided by Customs Authorities. Form 7 under Regulation 7 (1) of Imported Food Consignment for Personal use requires that the declaration regarding imported Food consignment should be provided in terms of weight or unit.

3. In view of the above, it has been decided that import of upto 2.5 Kgs of food supplements (Protein powder, etc.) and upto 5 kgs of food articles like dates, juices, biscuits, chocolate etc. upto a value of 5000/10,000 Rupees, respectively, shall be allowed for clearance for personal use without asking for NOC from FSSAI, provided that a declaration of personal use is submitted by the Importer who is not a commercial enterprise.

4. Goods where quantity/value exceeds the limits in para 3 supra, but are claimed to be for personal use will be examined by the concerned AC/DC, on case to case basis, and decision to send such cases for FSSAI NOC will be taken appropriately and comprehensively, after scrutiny of all evidences. Goods can also be detained for FSSAI NOC on reasonable grounds of suspicion of any misdeclaration in weight and quantity or regarding veracity of personal use.

5. Any difficulty in implementation of this Public Notice shall be reported to Additional Commissioner/Joint Commissioner, New Courier Terminal, Near I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi.

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