Tea Board
14, Biplabi Trailokya Maharaj Sarani
Kolkata-700001

Ref. No. 1(8)/Estt/Misc/2016 /414 Date: 15-03-2019

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The undersigned is directed to request all concerned for necessary compliance of the order dated 30-01-2019 (copy enclosed) issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (Regulatory Compliance Division), New Delhi- 110002 which is self explanatory.

(Dr. Rishikesh Rai)
Secretary (I/C)

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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
[A Statutory body under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare]
(Regulatory Compliance Division)

FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road,
New Delhi 110 002

Dated the _January, 2019

Order

Subject: Ran on use of staple pins in tea bags reg.

FSSAI vide Order No. 1/95/Std/Misc./FSSAI-2015 dated 18.07.2017
and D.411.2017 has directed the Food Business Operators to discontinue manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import of Stapled tea bags by 30th June, 2019.

Subsequently, several representations have been received from FBOs raising the issue of cost involved in changing over staple less machines and presence of a few manufacturers of such machines globally. The matter has been examined and the following has been decided:

1. Blanket extension of further time period for implementation of order dated 18.11.2017 shall not be given to the FBOs. However, extension of time may be given on case to case basis based on firm commitment from the FBOs with proper plan to change over within a specific time.

2. All FBOs in tea bag manufacturing are directed to submit their plan to change over to new system by procuring the new machines or modifying the existing machines.

This comes with the approval of Competent Authority

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Joint Director [RCH]
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1. Commissioners of Food Safety of all States /UTs
2. All Central Designated Officers
3. Tea Board India, Kolkata
4. Indian Tea Association, Kolkata
5. Federation of All India Tea Traders Association [FATTYA]
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