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भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण  
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
(खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक अधिनियम, 2006 के तहत स्थापित एक वैधानिक प्राधिकरण)  
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)  
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Advisory

Subject: Shelf life of Fortified Rice and Fortified Rice Kernel – reg.

This is in reference to the shelf life of Fortified Rice (FR) and Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK). FCI has brought to the notice of FSSAI that in some cases Certificate of analysis (CoA) issued by FRK manufacturers contains expiry date. It has been further informed by FCI that the quantum of procurement of fortified rice is much more than that of annual requirement of NFSA/OWS schemes, therefore, a bulk quantity remain in storage beyond one year period

2. Further, FCI has intimated that a study to determine shelf life of FR and FRK is under process and it may take more than 2 years to complete.
3. In view of the above, in order to avoid any ambiguity w.r.t shelf life of FR and FRK, all the FSSAI notified laboratories are advised not to mention date of expiry or any information related to shelf life of the FR and FRK until any further directions from the Food Authority.
4. This is for information and necessary action by the concerned stakeholders.

  
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To:

1. All FSSAI Notified Laboratories

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2. Chairman & Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, Headquarters, New Delhi - 110001.
3. All Food Safety Commissioners

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