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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

THE COMMISSIONER OF FOOD SAFETY AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, TAMIL NADU.

BAN OF MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PANMASALA, GUTKHA CONTAINING TOBACCO AND NICOTINE AS INGREDIENTS IN THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU FOR FURTHER PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM 23RD MAY 2017 UNDER THE FOOD SAFETY AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ORDER.

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WHEREAS regulation 2.3.4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 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, read with section 26 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Central Act 34 of 2006) provides that tobacco and nicotine shall not be used as ingredients in any food products, as they are injurious to health;

AND WHEREAS, Gutkha and Panmasala are food products in which tobacco and nicotine are widely used as ingredients now-a-days;

AND WHEREAS, it is expedient to prohibit Gutkha and Panmasala in the State of Tamil Nadu, being food products in which tobacco and nicotine are widely used as ingredients;

AND WHEREAS Chewing Tobacco is processed by the manufactures along with the eatables and the same is meant for chewing purpose and the said product is supposed to be used by keeping it inside the mouth and chewing it. The act of chewing ensures that chemicals go in to the saliva and becomes part of the human digest system, the said food article if consumed will endanger human health and well-being and whereas if consumption of these food articles is allowed with out prohibition the well-being of current and future generations will be compromised and hence it is to be prohibited.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 30 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Central Act 34 of 2006), the Commissioner of Food Safety of the State of Tamil Nadu, in the interest of public health, hereby **prohibits** the manufacture, storage, transport, distribution or sale of Gutkha, Panmasala, Chewing Tobacco and any other food products containing tobacco or nicotine as ingredients, by whatsoever name it is available in the market, in the whole of the State of Tamil Nadu for a further period of one year with effect from 23rd May 2017.

Chennai-600 006,
23rd May 2017.

P. AMUDHA,
Commissioner of Food Safety .