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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006) Human Resource Division

FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated 20th April, 2021

Office Memorandum

विषय: कोरोनावायरस के प्रसार को रोकने के लिए किए जाने वाले निवारक उपाय - उपस्थिति के संबंध में।

In view of the unprecedented rise in the numbers of Covid-19 cases, and in pursuance of DoPT OM No. F.No.11013/9/2014-Estt.A-III dated 19.04.2021 the following instructions/ guidelines are issued for strict compliance by all officers/officials of FSSAI, Hqrs:

- Physical attendance of the officers of the level of Deputy Director or equivalent and below to be restricted to 50% of the actual strength. Divisional Heads may regulate the attendance of officials and may, on administrative grounds, direct more officials to attend office. A roster may be prepared accordingly by the Divisional Heads.
- 2. All officers of the level of Joint Director, equivalent and above are to attend office on regular basis.
- 3. The officers / officials shall follow staggered timings, to avoid over-crowding in offices as per present practice.
- 4. All officers/officials who do not attend office on a particular day are to make themselves available on Telephone and other electronic means of communication at all times from their residence and work from home.
- 5. All officers/officials residing in containment zones shall continue to be exempted from coming to office till the containment zone is de-notified.
- 6. Persons with Disabilities and Pregnant women employees may be exempted from attending office, but they shall continue to work from home, until further orders.
- All officers/officials who attend office shall strictly follow Covid appropriate behavior including wearing of mask, physical distancing, use of sanitizer and frequent hand washing with soap and water.
- 8. Crowding in lifts, staircases, corridors, common areas including refreshment kiosk and parking areas is to be strictly avoided.
- 9. Meetings, as far as possible, to be conducted through video-conferencing.
- 10. Entry of outsiders /visitors to be curtailed appropriately.
- 11. All employees of the age of 45 years and above are advised to get themselves vaccinated.
- 12. Proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of workplace, particularly of the frequently touched surfaces may be ensured.

The above instructions / guidelines shall come into effect immediately and will remain in force until 30.04.2021 or further orders, whichever is earlier.

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To,

- 1. All officers/staff, FSSAI HQ for compliance.
- 2. All EDs/ Advisors/Divisional Heads- it is requested to kindly circulate this OM to the staff working under them.
- 3. Regional Heads/ Heads of Labs ... for information.
- 4. CTO- with a request to please circulate this OM by SMS/ email to all the Officers/ Staff and upload the same on the website.

Copy to:

PA to Chairperson / Sr. PS to CEO