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Officials seize expired soft drinks bottles from godowns TNN | Jun 20, 2018, 01:11 IST

Coimbatore: Food Safety Department officials raided three godowns in the city and seized expired soft drinks bottles and packets kept among saleable stocks on Tuesday. Besides, it cracked down on shops selling products without proper labels. In the three godowns — two in Thaneerpandhal and one in Vadavalli, officials found 240 expired Miranda bottles and 400 expired Minute Maid tetra packs. “The distributor in Vadavalli stored the Miranda bottles that were expired about month ago. Not many people know that soft drinks have an expiry date,” said designated food safety officer Dr Vijayalalithambigai.

“The distributor claimed that the bottles were to be returned to the manufacturer to get a refund, but they were stored among saleable products,” he added.

Similarly, another distributor at Peelamedu kept 400 Minute Maid tetra packs which were two weeks beyond their expiry date. “He too claimed they were to be returned to the manufacturer, but he did not keep them in a separate section,” said Vijayalalithambigai.

Meanwhile, food safety officers raided 32 shops across Gandhipuram and Pollachi and found six kilograms of snacks packets without labels that were meant for sale. “They did

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not have labels stating details about ingredients, manufacturing and expiry dates,” said the designated food safety officer.

Earlier on Monday, FSOs raided 52 shops, including bakeries and street vendors, and issued notices to 11 shops for not registering under the FSSAI Act. “We also cracked down on shops using newspapers to serve their products, plastic to cover fruits and for using colouring agents in their food,” said the DFO.