

Kozhikode: 14 coconut oil brands banned

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KOZHIKODE: The district officials of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India have banned the production, procurement and distribution of 14 brands of coconut oil as these have been found to be adulterated. They include Surabhi and Soubaghya oils produced by Balakumaran Oil Mills, Tiruppur, and Velluvanadu oils produced by Logu Traders, Pollachi.

FSSAI assistant commissioner Eliyamma said that tests had proved that these products were adulterated. The brands will face strict action for making them and selling them in the market. The state health ministry has asked the officials to prevent the sale of adulterated food items. Earlier, 70 brands of coconut oils were banned in the state. In May last year, the FSSAI had banned 45 brands and in June, 51.

"We have been keeping a close watch on the oil and other food brands in the district," she added.