

1,590kg spoilt fruits seized

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Coimbatore: Food safety officials carried out inspection at 68 fruits shops in the district and seized 1,590kg fruits that were either artificially-ripened or spoilt on Monday.

Based on the directions of collector K Rajamani, a team headed by designated food safety officer A Vijayalalithambigai checked the fruits at several places, including Ukkadam, Gandhipuram, Sulur, Mettupalayam and Pollachi.

During the inspection, the officials seized about 489kg mangoes, which were artificially ripened using ethylene powder and about 1,110kg of spoilt fruits and other artificially-ripened fruits. The value of the seized fruits was estimated to be Rs 45,000.

Meanwhile, the officials called fruit and vegetable dealers for a meeting and issued notices to all firms on March 16 to ensure that they stock goods at the right temperature and sell it only within the shelf-life.

The officials have urged the public to register complaints related to artificial ripening of fruits through WhatsApp number 9444042322. TNN