

Press Release

FSSAI tights vigil against adulteration in edible oils trans-fatty acids and sale of Multi Source Edible Oils without proper labelling

New Delhi, August 16, 2022: FSSAI has concluded the nation-wide campaign against adulteration in edible oils (single oil as a constituent), trans-fatty acids and sale of Multi Source Edible Oils without proper labelling. This massive surveillance drive was carried out between 01.08.2022 to 14.08.2022 across the country with a total of 4845 surveillance samples of vegetable oils, multi-source edible oils, vanaspati etc., across 35 States/ UTs.

The Commissioners of Food Safety in all States/UTs were directed to lift surveillance samples of these products in a staggered manner from the markets so that the sample base is wider and representative of all Food Business Operators (FBOs)/ Brands being sold therein.

During this fortnightly campaign, all States/UTs Food Safety Departments carried out intensive surveillance to track down heavily upon the delinquent FBOs who may be found selling adulterated edible oils or loose edible oils. Further, as a specific focus of the campaign to check sale of loose oil in the country, a huge quality of loose edible oil i.e., more than 27,500 liters has been seized across the country on the spot during the course of inspection.

The samples have now been sent to accredited food testing laboratories for swift analysis. The results are expected in the next few days and any suspected case of adulteration shall be followed by immediate drawing of regulatory samples to take legal action against such FBOs as per the provisions of FSS Act, 2006 and Rules/Regulations made thereunder.

The campaign was monitored by all State Food Safety Commissioners and FSSAI at the highest level and daily updates were being given by the States/UTs via press release. This also reflected the seriousness of the efforts of the Government to come down heavily upon the FBOs who are found indulging in any sort of adulteration in the edible oils. Further, massive sensitization and promotional activities were conducted by the States/UTs across channels including print as well as digital media to spread general awareness among people about the issue of adulteration.

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States/UTs	No. of surveillance samples Drawn (Edible Oil, Vanaspati and MSEO)	Seizure for sale of loose edible oil, if any (in ltr)
Andaman &	24	0
Nicobar	24	0
Andhra Pradesh	103	75
Assam	198	0
Bihar	341	0
Chandigarh	6	0
Chattisgarh	65	25
Delhi	131	0
Goa	72	0
Gujarat	99	0
Haryana	48	0
Himachal		
Pradesh	45	0
J & K	177	0
Karnataka	221	0
Kerala	99	0
Ladakh	18	0
Madhya	1.70	
Pradesh	158	0
Maharashtra	270	0
Manipur	40	0
Meghalya	22	0
Nagaland	6	0
Odisha	104	0
Puducherry	23	0
Punjab	100	0
Rajasthan	133	5360
Sikkim	96	0
TamilNadu	782	204.83
Telangana	50	0
Tripura	13	0
U.P	1090	21865
Uttrakhand	33	0
West Bengal	278	0
Total	4845	27529.83 ltr

Surveillance Campaign to check adulteration in Oils conducted from 1st August to 14th August 2022

Data from the remaing States/UTs is awaited.