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**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 15th April, 2024

No. MED-1401/2/2024-HS-HEALTH/1052: Whereas, surveillance drives and sampling of cotton candies were conducted in the markets of the State to check the presence of non-permitted synthetic colour, Rhodamine B in the food samples; and

2. Whereas, Regulation 3.2.1 of the Food Safety & Standards (Food Products & Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 indicates the list of permitted synthetic food colours and their standards. However, Rhodamine B is not included in the said list of permitted food colours; and

3. Whereas, if ingested, Rhodamine B is highly toxic and carcinogenic for humans. Therefore, indiscriminate use of Rhodamine B in food preparation poses significant health risks to the consumers; and

4. Whereas, Rhodamine B is detected in cotton candies as per the laboratory test report from FSSAI Notified Laboratory and therefore, the sample has been declared **unsafe** under Section 3(1)(zz)(vii)(viii) of Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006; and

5. Whereas, it is prudent to protect the health and safety of the general public and if consumption of the food article such as cotton candies containing non-permitted synthetic colours is allowed without prohibition, well-being of the present and future generations will be compromised; and

6. Whereas, under the law and in the interest of public health, Commissioner of Food Safety is responsible for prohibition in the interest of public health, the manufacture, storage, distribution or sale of any article of food, which is unsafe and hazardous to health and whereas the undersigned is duly authorized under Section 30(2)(a) of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 to make this Order;

7. Therefore, considering health concerns that may arise due to the consumption of cotton candies containing Rhodamine B by the general public particularly children, and in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub section (2) of Section 30 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006, the undersigned, Commissioner of Food Safety, Manipur, in the interest of public health, hereby prohibit the manufacture, distribution, import, storage, and sale of cotton candies, whether packaged or unpackaged, for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of issue of this Notification in the entire State of Manipur.

8. Non-compliance with this Notification will lead to a penalty up to Rs. 2 lakh as per Section 58 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006.

DR. VINEET JOSHI,
Chief Secretary (Health & FW)/
Commissioner of Food Safety,
Government of Manipur.