

## PART I : SECTION (I) - GENERAL

### Government Notifications

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#### THE FOOD ACT, 26 OF 1980

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health & Women's Affairs in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980.

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These regulations may be cited as Food (Iodisation of Salts) Regulations 1993 and shall come into operations of 1st January, 1994.

1. *Iodated Edible Common Salt* - The Edible Common Salt shall be a pure form of ordinary salt, obtained by washing off a part of its impurities and by the addition of Potassium Iodide, Potassium Iodate or Calcium Iodate to washed salt having a Sodium Chloride content of not less than 97 per cent on a dry matter basis.

Provided however that suitable stabilising agents shall be used if Potassium Iodide is used for iodisation of salt.

Iodated Edible Common Salts shall be crystallised solids in granular or powder form and white in colour free from visible impurities such as clay, grit, shells and other extraneous adulterants.

2. The product shall also comply with the following requirements :

	<i>Iodated Salts</i>
(a) Moisture per cent by mass (Max.) on dry basis	6.0
(b) Matter insoluble in water, per cent by mass maximum of dry basis	0.5
(c) Sodium Chloride as NaCl per cent by mass minimum on dry basis	96.5
(d) Matter soluble in water other than Sodium Chloride per cent by mass maximum on dry basis	25-50
(e) Iodine as I, mg/kg	7.5 - 8.5
(f) P <sup>n</sup> at 27 ± 2° c	

3. The minimum level of iodine shall be 50 ppm at the time of manufacture to accommodate the loss of iodine from the time of manufacture to consumption which shall be at a minimum of 25 ppm. All retail outlets shall maintain a level of 25 ppm of iodine in Iodated salts that are sold or exposed for sale.

4. *Packaging and Marking* - The product shall be packed in an opaque polythene bag the thickness of such bag being not less than 75 mm (300 gauge) or in opaque polythene container or packages which shall be legibly and indelibly marked or labelled as follows:

(a) In any two of the three languages namely Sinhala, Tamil and English -

- (i) The name of product as "Edible Common Iodated or Iodated Salts;"
- (ii) Date of Expiry;
- (iii) The words "use without washing;"
- (iv) Store away from sunlight and heat.

(b) In any one language-

- (i) Registered trade mark or name if any;
- (ii) Net weight expressed as "g" or "kg";
- (iii) Name and address of the manufacturer / distributor;
- (iv) Batch or code number.

5. These Regulations shall apply to salt used as an ingredient of food, both for direct sale to the consumer and for manufacture and to salt used as a component of food additive or nutrients.

No person shall manufacture, store for sale, sell, expose for sale, transport or import any other type of edible common salt other than Iodated edible common salt for purposes of human consumption.

Provided however the preceding provision shall not apply to the use of salt for industrial, agricultural, medicinal or other similar purpose.

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