

# Food safety norms for Tea Industry

## Workshop on Food Safety and Standards Regulation 2011 held

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Kolkata: A workshop on Food Safety & Standards Regulations, 2011- The New Mandate was held on 25th May, 2012 at ICC auditorium, Kolkata. The programme, customized for the Tea Industry, was organized by Tea Board of India in association with CII-FACE. The Chairman, Tea Board, MGVK Bhanu welcomed the participants and said that stake holders of tea industry should become fully aware of FSSAI Regulations so that quality & food safety of tea is maintained.

Stating that the possible beneficial health effects of tea consumption may become harmful due to wrong manufacturing practices, pesticide residue or addition of contaminants like use of colour in tea, he reminded that the act of violation of FSSAI rules would be punishable offence and in future it will be linked with different subsidy schemes of Tea Board.

Deputy Chairman, Ms. Roshni Sen added that consciousness of consumer is very important. Proper road map for implementation of FSSAI rules have to be made. She said that Tea Board is taking a scientific approach to sort out the problems of regulatory issues particularly those of iron filings.

The Chief Food Commissioner of West Bengal, Mr. R. Chowdhury, indicated that renewal of licenses or new licenses has become mandatory under the Act. With the exception of farmers, all Food Business Operators, involved in processing, packaging, distribution, storage and transportation will come under the purview of FSSAI regulations. He also mentioned the importance of awareness campaign amongst growers for conforming to FSSAI requirements of chemical residue limits.

Mr. D. P. Guha, Regional Director of Eastern States, FSSAI elaborated the importance of the Act under present

scenario and mentioned the steps for obtaining licenses. He also said that the people associated with all sorts of food business are to be made aware of the provisions of new food laws for proper understanding and action. He mentioned the introduction of licensing requirements conditions for corporate offices.

Dr. I. Ghose, Principal Counsellor, CII FACE discussed the general framework of the Act and explained the provisions therein. She also briefed the audience on the food safety issues related to Tea. Another important part, Schedule 4 Part II of the Act related to Food safety compliance was elaborated by Ms. Pratyasha Chakraborty, Counsellor, CII-FACE.

Around 80 participants from various tea associations engaged in manufacturing, trading and other tea related business participated in the programme.



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**L-R : Mr. G. Boriah, Director, Tea Development, Tea Board; Dr. B. Bera, Director Research, Tea Board; Smt. R Sen, Dy. Chairman, Tea Board; Shri MGVK Bhanu, Chairman Tea Board, Shri R. Chowdhury, Chief Food Commissioner; Dr Indrani Ghose, Principal Counsellor, FACE; Ms Pratyasha Chakravarty, Counsellor, FACE**



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