

F. No. 10/QA/Enforcement Issues/FSSAI-2015  
**Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**  
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)  
(Quality Assurance Division-Enforcement)  
**FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi -110 002**

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**Dated, the 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

**Subject: Enforcement of provisions of the FSS Act qua Noodles, Pastas and Macaroni with tastemaker of all makes and brands present in the market - regarding.**

Dear Colleague,

You are aware that Noodles, Pastas and Macaroni (with Tastemaker) are non-standardised food products and hence fall under Section 22 of the FSS Act, 2006. As per records, the FSSAI has issued conditional permissions/ approvals only in respect of the food products and the manufacturing FBOs as detailed in **Annex-1**.

2. Various test results on Maggi and some other similar products have raised serious health concerns. In view of the same, it would be advisable to draw regulatory samples for similar products for which product approvals have been granted by the FSSAI as mentioned in **Annex-1**. These samples should be sent to the **authorised labs** (list is available on FSSAI website) for testing as per the testing parameters given in **Annex-2**.

3. The safety of all other such products in these categories has not been assessed as per the Product Approval procedures. As such, the same are unauthorised and illegal and cannot be intended for human consumption.

4. Accordingly, you are advised to draw samples of the food products mentioned under para 2 above (if not already taken) and take action as per provisions of FSS Act and other applicable laws (including IPC) qua the food items not found conforming to the applicable standards. As regards all the remaining food products, as mentioned under para 3 above, you are advised to ensure that such products are recalled, removed from the market and destroyed.

5. You are requested to complete this task on priority and send a report in this behalf to the FSSAI Dr. Sandhya Kabra (Director, QA) and Sh. Rakesh Sharma (Director, Enforcement) at the earliest, preferably by 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

Yours Sincerely,  
Sd/-  
(Y. S. Malik)  
Chief Executive Officer

To

**Commissioners of Food Safety of all States/ UTs in India**

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**Annex-1**

Sr. No.	Company name	Product name	NOC	PA	Issued on (dd/ mm/ yy)
1	M/s Ruchi International	Koka Instant Noodles	NOC		06.08.2012
2	C G Foods India Pvt Ltd	1. Wai Wai 123 chicken Noodles, 2. Wai Wai Mama Punte chicken Bhujija (Wai Wai Triangle Bhujija chichen snacks, 3. Wai Wai 123 Veg Noodles		PA	11.12.2013
3	M/S Glaxosmithekline Consumer Healthcare Ltd	1. Foodles crazy curry 2. Foodles mast masala, 3. Foodles- spicy treat, 4. Foodles- tomatter flavour, 5. foodles 4 grain-curry in a hurry, 6. Foodles 4 grain- slice of spice, 7. Foodles 4 grain ala masala, 8. Foodles 4 grain- carrot and spinch noodles, 9. Foodles 4 grain- carrot noodle, 10. Foodles 4 grain- tomatter flavour (instant noodles with seasoning powder)		PA	27.05.2013
4	Nestle India Ltd	Maggi Nuti-licious Pazzta with Taste Maker: (4 variants viz.) 1. Tomato Twist pazzta, 2. Cheese Macaroni Pazzta, 3. Masala Penne Pazzta, 4. Mushroom Penne Pazzta)		PA	15.10.2013
5	AA Nutrition Ltd	1. Yummy chicken (instant) noodles/ bits, 2. Yummy veg noodles/ bits		PA	29.07.2013
6	M/s. Indo Nissin Food Ltd	1. Top Ramen Atta Masala		PA	19.11.2014
7	ITC Limited	1. Instant Noodles and magic masala, 2. Instant Noodles and classic masala, 3. Instant Noodles and Chinese masala	PNOC		08.02.2013
8	Nestle India Limited	Instant Noodles with Taste Maker (09 variants) 1. Maggi Xtra Delicious Chicken Noodles		PA	04.07.2013

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		2. Maggi Thrillin Curry			
		3. Maggi Cuppa Mania Chilli Chow Masala YO			
		4. Maggi Cuppa Mania Masala YO			
		5. Magi 2- minute Masala Noodle/ Maggi Hungarooo			
		6. Maggi Vegetable Multigrainz Noodles			
		7. Maggi Vegetable Atta Noodles			
		8. Maggi Xtra Delicious Magical Masala Noodles			
		9. Magi 2-minute Masala Dumdaar Noodle			

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**Annex-2**

<b>Parameters to be adopted for testing the noodles, pastas, macaroni etc.</b>			
Sr. No.	Parameters	Limits as per FSS Regulations	Test Results
<b>A. General Parameters</b>			
1	Physical examination for moulds, living and dead insects, insect fragments and rodent contamination (hair, excreta) and fungus visible to the naked eye	Absent	
2	Rancidity and musty odour	Absent	
3	Test for added Natural colours (Curcumin, Riboflavin, Chlorophyll, Beta carotene, Carotene (Natural extract), Annatto extract (Bixin), Beta apo-8 carotenal, Methyl ester of Beta apo-8 carotenoic acid, Canthaxanthin, Caramel colours (Plain), Caramel colours (Ammonium Sulphite process)	Absent	
4	Test for synthetic colors (Ponceau 4R, Carmoisine, Erythrosine, Tartrazine, Sunset Yellow FCF, Indigo carmine, Brilliant blue FCF, Fast green FCF )	Absent	
5	Test for preservatives (Benzoic acid and its salts, Sorbic acid ad its salts, Sulphur di oxide)	Absent	
6	Test for anti oxidants (BHA aand TBHQ)	Absent	
<b>B. Quality Parameters</b>			
1	Moisture	Not more than 12.5%	
2	Total ash excluding salt	Not more than 1.0 % (on dry weight basis)	
3	Ash insoluble in dilute HCl	Not more than 0.1 % (on dry weight basis)	
4	Nitrogen	Not less than 1.7 % on dry basis	
<b>C. Metal Contaminants</b>			
1	Lead	2.5 mg/kg	
2	Copper	3.0 mg/kg	
3	Arsenic	1.1 mg/kg	
4	Mercury	1.0 mg/kg	
5	Tin	250 mg/kg	
6	Cadmium	1.5 mg/kg	
7	Zinc	50 mg/kg	
<b>D. Naturally occurring Toxic Substances</b>			
1	Aflatoxin	30 µg/kg	
2	Agaric acid	100 mg/kg	
3	Hydrocyanic acid	5 mg/kg	
4	Hypericine	1 mg/kg	

**Note:** The samples should be tested separately for the Cake and the *Masala*/Tastemaker.