

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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State/UT Food Safety Departments have started intensive surveillance drives across the country in a nation-wide campaign that began on 01.08.2022 to check adulteration in edible oils (single oil as a constituent), trans-fatty acids and sale of Multi Source Edible Oils without proper labelling.

The campaign has been designed and intended by the food regulator to come down heavily upon the delinquent FBOs who may be found selling adulterated edible oils or loose edible oils.

During the first three days of the campaign, 24 States/UTs have drawn 628 surveillance samples of packaged oils including multi source edible oils as well as loose edible oils and vanaspati. The samples have been sent to NABL accredited/Notified Food laboratory for swift analysis to ensure that any suspected adulteration case faces immediate drawing of regulatory samples to take legal action against such FBOs.

Further, so far 2636 litre of loose edible oils have also been seized on the spot during last three days.

The campaign is being monitored by all State Food Safety Commissioners and FSSAI at the highest level and daily press releases are also being given by States/UTs to sensitize the public about the campaign and its developments.

The campaign will continue till 14.08.2022 followed by Regulatory actions in all the cases where any adulteration is reported in the country to send a strong message to the unscrupulous elements who indulge in such malpractices of adulteration in the country.

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