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**SUB: Regulation on Packaged Bottled Water**

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer your letter dated 22 July 2011 addressed to DG BIS relating to Regulation on Packaged Drinking Water. I am directed to inform you that Ministry of Health & Family Welfare issued a Gazette Notification on Packaged Drinking Water GSR 760 (E) on 29 September 2000. As per this Notification 'No person shall manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale packaged drinking water except under the Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Mark'.

In the Indian Standard for Packaged Drinking Water (Other than Packaged Natural Mineral Water) IS 14543:2004, the definition of Packaged Drinking Water at Cl.3.2 is as follows:

'Packaged drinking water means water derived from any source of potable water which may be subjected to treatments, such as, decantation, filtration, combination of filtration, aeration, filtration with membrane filter, depth filter, cartridge filter, activated carbon filtration, demineralization, remineralization, reverse osmosis or any other method to meet the prescribed standard and packed. It may be disinfected to a level that will not lead to harmful contamination in the drinking water. It may be disinfected by means of chemical agents and/or physical methods to reduce the number of micro-organism to a level that does not compromise food safety or suitability. It shall be filled in sealed containers of various compositions, forms and capacities that is suitable for direct consumption without further treatment'.

From the above, it is clear that the sale of packaged drinking water shall be covered under the Notification. As per the definition, the processed water shall be filled in sealed container for direct consumption. Thus, sale of unpacked drinking water is not covered under the Notification. Hope this will clarify the issue.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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