

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FOOD SAFETY, HEALTH COMPLEX
LAITUMKHAH, MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

NO. CFSM/FSSA/2012/Impli/1/Pt.III/285

Dated Shillong, the 8th June 2023

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, it has come to the notice of undersigned that out of 40 (Forty) samples of fish tested and Reports received, 30 (Thirty) samples have been tested positive for Formalin as per the Analysis Reports from the Assistant Food Analyst to the Govt. of Meghalaya, vide Report No. SFTL/FW/2023-24/283 – 312 dated: The 6th June, 2023 which is highly toxic and injurious to health.

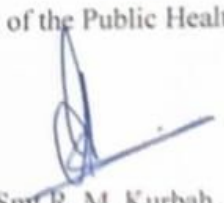
AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of the Regulation 3.1.4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards & Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, indicates the Preservatives permitted to be used in select articles of food and Formalin is not included in the said List of permitted preservatives.

AND WHEREAS, distribution, storage and sale of fresh fish treated with Formalin or other unpermitted preservatives render the articles '**unsafe**' under Section 3(1)(zz)(v) of the Food Safety & Standard Act, 2006.

THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (a) of Sub-Section (2) of Section 30 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006, the storage, distribution or sale of imported fresh fish or crustaceans **brought from outside the state** is hereby prohibited for a period of 15 (Fifteen) days in the interest of Public Health or till corrective measures are taken with effect from the date of issue of this Notification.

Non-Compliance to this Notification will attract imprisonment upto 7 (Seven) years and a Fine up-to Rs 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh) as provided under Section 59 (iv) of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006.

This Notification is issued strictly in the interest of the Public Health


(Smt R. M. Kurbah, IAS)
Commissioner of Food Safety
Meghalaya, Shillong.