

ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH OFFICE OF THE DESIGNATED OFFICER FOOD SAFETY, DRUGS AND FOOD CONTROL ORGANIZATION, HQ, UT LADAKH

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NOTICE

It has come to the notice of the undersigned that Thermocol boxes, Plastic crates used for transporting fish, chicken & vegetables are being irresponsibly discarded along the town peripheries & between Leh-Kargil and Kargil-Srinagar routes. These boxes, often thrown on roadside areas by transporters, are polluting the environment and contributing to significant ecological damage.

This action is not only harmful to the fragile ecosystem of Ladakh but also constitutes a violation of Regulation 4.5(IV) and Regulation 2.1.1(4) of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011, which mandates hygienic and environmentally responsible practices in food transportation and handling.

All chicken and fish dealers are hereby directed to:

- 1. Ensure that their transporters do not discard packaging materials, including thermocol boxes, on highways or public spaces.
- 2. Make proper arrangements for the collection, reuse, or environmentally safe disposal of packaging materials.
- 3. Instruct their transporters to comply with hygiene and safety norms at all stages of food transport.

Strict action shall be taken against violators under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and other relevant environmental regulations.

Compliance checks will be conducted, and any violations observed henceforth will attract penal action.

Assistant Commissioner, Food Safety

HQ, UT Ladakh

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To:

- 1. Vegetable Dealers of Ladakh.
- 2. All Chicken & Fish Dealers of Ladakh
- 3. Transporters of food items.