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To

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1. The President  
Federation of Hotel & Restaurants Association of India  
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Sub.: **Placing of red and green dots for vegetarian and non-vegetarian food**  
**Compliance of hotels and restaurants.**

Madam / Sir,

The Vegetarian Society of Delhi has sought the help of Hon'ble Lt. Governor for uniform and compulsory implementation of the order/letter dated 27.6.06 (copy enclosed) of the Directorate General of Health Services for display of red/green dots for non vegetarian/vegetarian food items. The Dte. General of Health Services in its above referred letter had brought into notice that compulsory display of green dot and brown dot for vegetarian food & non-vegetarian food respectively, is not being complied with fully by many of the hotels and restaurants and no clear indication to display the category of food being served is made whether it is "Vegetarian food" or "Non Vegetarian".

As per advise of Law & Justice Department, GNCT of Delhi, the Central Govt. can give such directions under provisions of the Sec.22 A of PFA Act 1954 as it seems necessary to a State Govt. regarding the carrying into execution of all or any of the provisions of this Act and the State Govt. shall comply with such directions and accordingly the State Govt. can issue instructions to all food vendors say the Hotels/Restaurants on the basis of above referred letter dated 27.06.06 issued by Directorate General of Health Services.

Therefore, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, in compliance of the directions of Central Govt. contained in its above referred letter dated 27.06.06, directs all the hotels and restaurants located within the area of NCT of Delhi to display brown or green dots on the package of food and also in the name Board (display board) for display of the category of food being served at buffet lunch or dinner whether it is "Vegetarian food" or "Non Vegetarian food".

Explanations IX and X appended to Rule 32 of PFA Rules'1955 defines Vegetarian food and Non-Vegetarian food respectively.

**Explanation IX** (appended to Rule 32 of PFA Rules 1955 )- "**Non-Vegetarian Foods**" means article of food which contains whole or part of any animal including birds, fresh water or marine animals or eggs or products of any animal origin but not including milk or milk products, as an ingredient.

**Explanation X** (appended to Rule 32 of PFA Rules'1955) - **Vegetarian Food** means any article of food other than the Non-vegetarian Food as defined in Explanation IX of this Rule.

The violation of this statutory provision shall be an offence punishable under the provisions of Sec 7 read with Sec. 16 of PFA Act' 1955.

You are therefore requested to kindly bring into the notice of all the hotels and restaurants who are member of your associations for compliance of these directions of Govt. of NCT of Delhi for their strict compliance for which a period of two months is being given. For any clarifications/removal of any doubt in this regard, the Directorate of PFA may be contacted on any of the working days.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully

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15.12.2008

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