PROCEDURES FOR PRE-MARKET APPROVAL PERMIT (PMAP)

Ministry of Health and Wellness
(15 September 2023)

For all food, pre-packed food, container and contact material requiring PMAP
- Any novel food
- Baby feed bottle, teat, nipple and baby feed mug
- Bottled water
- Canned food for infant and child
- Edible fat and oil, including shortening, margarine, vanaspati, ghee
- Irradiated food

In case of Imported product

Applicant contacts
Food Import Unit (FIU)
(Annex 1)

Applicant submits specimen of Label/Artwork of food package
(Either a hard or soft copy)

FIU or regional Health Office, checks compliance with labelling requirements as specified in Regulation 3 of the Food Regulations 1999

Label/Artwork amended

LABEL COMPLIANT

LABEL NOT COMPLIANT

- Applicant issued with a checklist (under Regulation 23(2A)) regarding chemical/microbiological tests required for the product for which a PMAP is required. (Annex 2)
- Eventually, applicant submits the following documents (under Regulation 23(3)) –
  (a) an original certificate of analysis or a scanned copy thereof –
      from an accredited laboratory from the country exporting the product, to the Food Import Unit (FIU), or
      from the Government Analyst Division (GAD)/Central Health Laboratory, to the relevant regional Health Office, as the case may be;
      certifying the chemical composition and microbiological safety of the product; and
  (b) such other document or information, or such sample for analysis or examination, as the Permanent Secretary thinks fit.
- Applicant handed over an application form under the Fourth Schedule of the Food Regulations. (Annex 3)

 FIU or regional Health Office (as the case may be)
 checks compliance of certificate of analysis/other documentations with Food Act/Food Regulations 1999

PRODUCT COMPLIANT TO STANDARDS

TEST RESULTS NOT COMPLIANT

Application for PMAP rejected
Applicant informed about shortcoming(s) and counselled

Issue of PMAP (within 2 working days of effective date of receipt of application)
see Regulation 5(3) of GN 146 of 2019

In case of Locally manufactured product

Applicant contacts
Regional Health Office
(Annex 1)