Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

Government Issues Show Cause Notices to some large edible oil companies for Non-Compliance with Amended VOPPA Order, 2025

Inspections Conducted to verify Return filing by the Edible Oil Processing Units

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The Government of India has strengthened regulatory oversight across the edible oil value chain through the Vegetable Oil Products, Production and Availability (Regulation) Amendment Order, 2025 (VOPPA Order, 2025). The amended Order mandates compulsory registration of all manufacturers, processors, blenders and re-packers of edible oils on the National Single Window System (NSWS) and the VOPPA portal (https://www.edibleoilindia.in), along with monthly submission of detailed production, stock and availability returns.

The amended VOPPA Order, 2025 requires monthly filing of returns covering production, stocks, imports, dispatches, sales and consumption of various edible oil products, including crude and refined vegetable oils, solvent-extracted oils, blended oils, vanaspati, margarine and other notified products. This framework is a key step towards building a transparent, data-driven edible oil ecosystem to support informed policy planning and strengthen national food security

As part of a nationwide compliance drive, DFPD has conducted inspection drives, including at Indore, to verify NSWS/VOPPA registration, review the accuracy and timeliness of monthly returns, and engage with industry to promote compliance, as part of a broader plan to ensure transparency and effective monitoring of the edible oil sector. Alongside enforcement, the Department is undertaking capacity-building measures, including a national workshop held in November 2025 at Indore on accurate data reporting, NSWS registration, use of the VOPPA portal, and timely filing of returns, with similar workshops planned in other major States

Based on observations during inspections and subsequent reviews, the Department has issued **Show Cause Notices** to some large edible oil companies for non-submission of mandatory monthly production returns, despite repeated reminders, emails and telephonic communications. Such non-compliance constitutes a contravention of the VOPPA Order, 2025, issued under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

The Department has informed the concerned entities that under Section 6A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, action including inspection and confiscation may be initiated in cases of contravention of orders issued under Section 3, and that under Section 6B of the Act, a reasonable opportunity to show cause is required before any order of confiscation is made. Accordingly, the concerned units have been given seven days to submit their written replies explaining why action should not be initiated against them under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the amended VOPPA Order, 2025.

The Department has further clarified that similar Show Cause Notices will be issued to all units that are either not registered under the VOPPA framework or have failed to file mandatory returns, to ensure uniform compliance across the sector. Additionally, inspection drives across multiple edible oil processing units will be carried out on need basis as part of the Department's continued efforts to ensure strict compliance with the amended VOPPA Order, 2025. **Inspections all over and nearby Haryana and Rajasthan has been planned for January 2026.**

The Government reiterates its commitment to ensuring transparency, accountability and compliance in the edible oil sector in the interest of effective policy formulation and national food security.

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