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FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON MARCH 31, 2013



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SOY FOOD PROMOTION & WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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The Executive Committee has the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report along with the Audited Accounts of the Soy Food Promotion & Welfare Association (SFPWA) for the year ended March 31, 2013

The 7th Annual General Meeting of Soy Food Promotion & Welfare Association (SFPWA) to consider / approval amendments in the Memorandum of Association was held on 27, August 2012 at Hotel Fortune Landmark, Indore, Madhya Pradesh Following members and invitees attended the meeting.

Present:

Mr. Girish Matlani	Sonic Biochem Extractions Ltd., Indore
Dr. Suresh Itapu	Nutri Tech Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi
Mr. Vivek Kacker	Faith Foods Pvt. Ltd., Indore
Mr. Praneet Mutha	Vippy Industries Ltd., Dewas
Mr. Ramesh Jain	Prestige Feed Mills Ltd., Indore
Mr. Raj Kapoor	Executive Secretary (Hony.) SFPWA, New Delhi
Mr. U. Purna Chand	The Solae Co., Gurgaon
Mr. Pawan Awasthi	Ruchi Soya Ltd., Indore
Mr. Deepesh Bhagat	Gujarat Ambuja Exports Ltd., Mandsour
Mr. Rajeev Jain	Prosoya Foods (I) Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Jatin Girdhar	Savour India Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Nishith Patel	Divy Soy Foods, Ahmedabad
Mr. K Sarat Chandra Kumar	Soya Vita, Chennai
Mr. A. S. Kohili	Soya Health Foods, Bhatinda
Mr. Pawan Garg	Ambika Solves Ltd., Indore

Invitees:

Ms. Bridget Owen	National Soybean Research Laboratory, USA
Mr. Pramil Sisodia	Faith Foods, Indore
Ms. Rashmi Agarwal	Ambika Solves Ltd., Indore
Ms. K Pushpalata	Soy Vita, Chennai
Mr. S Kulwinder Singh	Harsh Food & Nutrition, Jalandhar
Mr. Rajesh Chauhan	Ambika Solves Ltd., Indore

Executive Committee:

Election of the new Executive Committee was held and following were unanimously re-elected / elected for the year 2012-13.

New Office Bearers of Soy Food Promotion & Welfare Association

Mr. Girish Matlani - President
Mr. Praneet Mutha – Vice President
Mr. Vivek Kacker – General Secretary
Mr. Sandeep Agarwal – Joint Secretary
Mr. Raj Kapoor – Executive Secretary (Hony.)
Mr. U Purnachand, Hony Treasurer

Executive Committee Members:

Mr. Dinesh Shahra, Immediate Past President (Ex. Officio Member)
Mr. Ramesh Jain
Mr. Jatin Girdhar
Dr. Sursesh Itapu
Mr. K Sarat Chandra Kumar
Mr. Rajeev Jain

In addition to the above following committee was constituted:**Soya Processing and Safety Committee**

Dr. Sursh Itapu, Chairman
Members
Mr. Girish Matlani
Mr. Praneet Mutha
Mr. V K Jain

Mr. U Purnachand

Mr. Vivek Kacker

Office Address:

The registered office address of SFPWA continues to be B-10, Allahabad Bank Apartments, Mayur Kunj, Delhi – 110096. However, administration was conducted through office of Assocom-India, Flat No.601, DDA Building, District Centre, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi – 110092.

Appointment of Auditors:

It was decided to retain M/s S K Relan & Company, Karol Bagh, New Delhi as the auditor for the year ending on 31st March 2013.

Bank Account:

Bank Account of Soy Food Promotion & Welfare Association has been continuing with ICICI Bank, 9-1, Phelps Building, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR

Representation on Concession to Food Processing Industries

Mr. Girish Matlani, President, Soy Food Promotion & Welfare Association (SFPWA) has sent a representation to Mr. Sushil Kumar Modi, Chairman, Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on the issue of concession to Soya Food Processing Industries on 15 March 2013. Mr. Modi has been requested in the representation to consider the soya products like bari, flour, milk, nuts and tofu at NIL rate of tax under GST at par with wheat pulses, egg, meat etc. A copy of the representation was also sent to Mr. Rakesh Kacker (IAS) Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, New Delhi 110049

Representation on Concession to Food Processing Industries

A representation to Dr. Charan Das Mahant, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Processing Industries, Government of India was sent by Mr. Girish Matlani, President, Soy Food Promotion & Welfare Association (SFPWA) on 15 March 2013. In the representation, Mr. Matlani has requested to provide following concessions for development of soy food processing industries to Hon'ble Minister

1. Formation of National Soya Food Promotion Board
2. Exemption from VAT/GST on soya food products
3. Income Tax holiday for five years and 50% for the next five years to existing / new soya food processing industries in rural / urban areas / food parks

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4. Support for promotion of soya food in generic promotion / market development schemes
 5. Inclusion of soya in government feeding programmes like ICDS, Mid-Day Meal, Antyodaya Scheme, BPL Schemes
 6. Inclusion of soya in military, para military, police, jails, govt. hospital where food serving being done by central government
 7. Fiscal support to soya food industries for new technology for development of new products like soya dal analogue, soya protein isolate, soya protein concentrate, soya dairy products, soya ready to use food

Request for appointment

A communication was sent Mr. Sharad Pawar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India requesting for appointment.

Contribution by members into Corpus Fund

Members unanimously agreed to contribute to corpus fund of the Association as per the following:

Rs.10,000 – Mr. Nishit Patel, Divy Soya

Rs.10,000 – Mr. Jatin Girdhar, Savour India

Rs.10,000 – Mr. K Sarat Chandra Kumar

Rs.50,000 – Mr. Rajeev Jain (Subject to approval from Company)

Rs.50,000 – Mr. Purnachand (Subject to approval from Company)

Mr. Matlani thanked all the members for their kind gestures.

Meeting with Minister

A meeting with Dr. Charan Das Mahant, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and FPI was organized on 15 March 2013 at his office. A SFPWA delegation led by Mr. Girish Matlani, President, SFPWA comprising of Mr. Praneet Mutha, Vice President, Mr. Vivek Kacker, General Secretary, Mr. Raj Kapoor, Honorary Executive Secretary, Mr. V K Jain, Executive Committee Member and Mr. Jatin Girdhar, Executive Committee Member joined the meeting. Mr. Matlani apprised the Minister about the Association and its objectives. Members discussed with the Minister about the initiatives of promotion of soya foods in the country. Discussion was also held regarding the status of Soya Food Processing Board which was initiated by MOFPI two years back.

Meeting with Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of FPI

Subsequent to the meeting with Minister, a meeting with Shri Rakesh Kacker, Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Food Processing Industries was also organized and SFPWA members also joined in this meeting. Mr. Kacker informed to delegation to pass all details regarding

exemptions from excise and VAT to concerned Ministry. Mr. Vivek Kacker suggested that Association should approach Mr. Sushil Kumar Modi, Chairman, Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on GST (Goods and Service Tax) in Delhi in this regard.

Formation of New Corpus Fund

During one of the Executive Committee meetings, it was decided not to waive off all past dues from members and constitute a new Corpus Fund for around Rs.30 lac so that regular administrative expenditure can be taken care by earning from interest of the same. Following members confirmed their contributions as per the details given below:-

Ruchi Soya	-	Rs.7,50,000.00
Sonic Biochem	-	Rs.5,00,000.00
Vippy Soya	-	Rs.5,00,000.00

It was decided that M/s Faith Foods Pvt. Ltd. would clear their dues only and were exempted from fresh corpus contribution.

It was discussed and decided that following members would be requested to contribute to this corpus fund:

Prestige Feed Mills Ltd.	-	Rs.5,00,000
Gujarat Ambuja	-	Rs.2,00,000
Bhakti Extractions Pvt.Ltd	-	Rs.2,00,000
Sakthi Sugar	-	Rs.2,00,000

Product Approval

SFPWA Secretariat had sent the following communication to all members regarding product approval:-

FSSAI does not accept Product Approval application from Associations.

All Soy Food Manufacturers and Business Operators to apply for Product Approval individually

Background:

As you are all aware that FSSAI issued Guidelines to be followed for product approval procedure on May 11, 2013 (copy attached) which will supersede all previous notifications in the regard. As per new guidelines, all Food Business Operators (FBO) dealing with Proprietary foods (that are not

standardized in FSSAI) need to have their products approved by FSSAI following the procedure.

Soya Products are not currently standardized in FSSAI though these are categorized under FSSAI Category No. 6.8.8.

Some of you may recall that Mr. Pradip Chakraborty, Director (Product Approval), FSSAI suggested at the Seminar on Marketing of Soya Foods at Indore last year that a trade/industry Association may apply for product approval on behalf of its members that will be applicable to all members making/selling same product.

Soya Foods Promotion and Welfare Association has engaged the services of Dr Suresh Itapu, Nutri Tech Consulting to develop standards for various Soya products and prepare applications for approval on behalf of SFPWA. With the data provided by Nutritech, SFPWA filed application for approval of soya products on May 28th. However, the FSSAI has declined to accept one application on behalf of the Association.

Status:

Subsequently, a team of Mr. U. Purnachand, DuPont-Solae and the technical committee member of SFPWA, Mr. Surender Kamal, Regulatroy Manager, DuPont Nutrition & Health, Mr. Raj Kapoor and Mr. Dinesh from Assocom-India met Mr. Pradip Chakraborty, Director (Product Approval), FSSAI on June 3rd for clarifications and advice on product approval.

Mr. Chakraborty has informed that they used to accept applications on behalf of Trade Associations for similar products made by many members of the Association last year but the internal guidelines within FSSAI have changed and they are no longer accepting applications on behalf of Associations. Each FBO has to apply for product approval individually even if the products are same/similar. If one has got approval, others can refer to that in their own application for a faster approval.

On the team's insistence, Mr. Chakraborty has advised to try by sending a representation to the Ministry of Health to consider the Association's application for each product on behalf of its members. FSSAI will consider if the Ministry approves the representation. We are preparing a representation to be filed with the MoH.

However, from various sources, we gather that the representation may not be considered favorably by the Ministry and it may take enormous amount of time even if they dispose of the representation.

Course of Action:

While we would file the representation, it is advised to all members of SFPWA to apply for product approval on their own. One application has to be filed for each category of product. Same product, if made in different flavors or shapes (as long as there is no change in composition) could be covered under same application.

Please see the attached guidelines on the procedure to apply. Since NutriTech have done all work of compiling application and recommended standards, we are attaching the duly filled in applications for your ready reference. You may change the name of the applicant to your company and file the application with necessary payments and enclosures. It is very important that specification of each product should be as per details provided in draft application compiled by NutriTech. If anyone likes to change the specification, please do advise the Association urgently. If each member applies with different standard, it could spell problems for the industry as a whole.

Important Government Information and Circulation to Members

SFPWA secretariat sent the information regarding FSSAI uploaded “Draft notification for the amendment in the Food Safety and Standards(Food Products standards and Food Additives) Regulation 2013” for stakeholder consultation asking comments and suggestion to be submitted to FSSAI. Gazetted draft amendment regulation dated April 5, 2013 may be downloaded from FSSAI website by following link - <http://www.fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Draft%2811-06-2013%29.pdf>

Sd/-

Girish Matlani

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Soy Food Promotion & Welfare Association

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