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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

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**FOOD ACT, No. 26 OF 1980**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee.

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Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition.

Colombo,  
14th June, 2007.

**Regulations**

1. These regulations may be cited as Food (Vinegar Standards) Regulations – 2007 and shall come into operation with effect from 15th December, 2007.

2. No person shall sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, store, transport, distribute, advertise or use the following types of vinegar unless the standard of composition of such vinegar is in conformity with these regulations : –

- (i) Coconut Vinegar ;
- (ii) Coconut Water Vinegar ;
- (iii) Malt Vinegar ;
- (iv) Wine Vinegar ;
- (v) Cider Vinegar ;
- (vi) Fruit Vinegar ;
- (vii) Spirit Vinegar ;
- (viii) Distilled Vinegar ;
- (ix) Artificial or synthetic Vinegar ;
- (x) Flavoured Vinegar.

3. The standards of composition of vinegar the type of which are specified under regulation 2 shall be as follows : -

- (a) all types of vinegar -
- (i) shall contain not less than 4% m/v acetic acid ;
  - (ii) shall not contain mineral acid ;
  - (iii) shall be free of vinegar eels (*Turbatic aceti*) ;
  - (iv) may contain caramel as colouring substance.
- (b) vinegar other than artificial vinegar shall contain -
- (i) not less than 1.0% total solids m/v ;
  - (ii) not less than 750 permanganate oxidation value ;
  - (iii) not less than 80 alkaline oxidation value ;
  - (iv) not less than 160 iodine value ;
  - (v) not more than 1.0% residual ethyl alcohol m/v.

4. No person shall manufacture, sell, expose for sale, Transport, Store, distribute, advertise or use, any food which in its preparation has added any type of vinegar specified under regulation 2, unless the standard of composition of the vinegar so added is in conformity with regulation 3.

5. (1) Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations - 2005, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1376/9 of 19th January, 2005 shall apply in respect of the labelling of every bottle or container of vinegar.

(2) The label on every bottle or container of vinegar shall, in addition to the conditions set out in the Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations - 2005 :

- (a) have on it the name of the source from which is derived ;
- (b) except when produced by fermentation of plant products, bear the statement "artificial vinegar" ;
- (c) in the case of flavoured vinegar, indicate the flavour so added.  
*(e.g. : where 'X' flavour is added the label shall have the statement - "x" flavoured vinegar").*

6. In these regulation -

"Coconut Vinegar" means vinegar obtained by the alcoholic fermentation and acetous fermentation of the exudates obtained from the unopened inflorescence of the coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*) by the process of tapping ;

"Coconut Water Vinegar" means vinegar obtained by alcoholic fermentation and acetous fermentation of coconut water with the addition of sugar ;

"Malt Vinegar" means vinegar obtained by the alcoholic and acetous fermentation of malted barley, the starch of which has been converted to sugar solely by germination ;

"Wine Vinegar" means vinegar obtained by the alcoholic and acetous fermentation of the juice of grapes ;

"Cider Vinegar or Apple Vinegar" means products obtained by the alcoholic fermentation and acetous fermentation of the expressed juice of clean fresh apples ;

“Fruit Vinegar” means Fruit Vinegars other than apple vinegar are vinegars made by the alcoholic fermentation and acetous fermentation of the juice of one or more fruits. Fruit vinegar shall be labelled to disclose the identity of the fruit or fruits used in the order of their predominance ;

“Spirit Vinegar” means vinegar obtained by the acetous fermentation of distilled ethyl alcohol ;

“Distilled Vinegar” means liquid product prepared by the vacuum distillation of vinegar ;

“Artificial or Synthetic Vinegar” means a mixture of food grade acetic acid and potable water ; and

“Flavoured Vinegar” means vinegar made by the extraction of chillie, garlic, herbs or spices to impart the characteristic flavour to the vinegar.

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### CORRECTION

#### Prohibition of Western Drugs from Manufacture, Import, Sale, Distribution and use

REFERENCE the Notice No. 57 published in the Part I, Section I - General of the *Gazette* Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1502/8 of 19.06.2007 :

The version “Powers vested in me” appearing in the Second line of the First Paragraph should be corrected to read as “Powers vested on me”.

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