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Centre Calls for a Day-Long Meeting with State Food and Consumer Affairs

To discuss prices of essential food commodities, implementation of food law and other consumer related issues the government has called a day-long meeting of state food and consumer affairs ministers tomorrow in the capital city, Delhi.

Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister, Ram Vilas Paswan will chair the fourth National Consultation Meeting and seven union ministers handling agriculture, fer-

tiliser, commerce and industry, food processing, health, petroleum and textiles departments participate in the event.

The main agenda of the meeting will be a discussion on measures required to maintain and manage prices of essential food items at reasonable level through an appropriate policy intervention.

The ways to improve the robustness of the price data of essential food items currently being report-

ed by the government centres and setting up of a Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) at state level to tackle inflationary trends in important agri-horticultural commodities will deliberate.

Implementation of food law, enforcement of the provisions of Essential Commodities Act and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act among other issues will be taken up for discussion.

Chester Zoo Stopped Selling Nestle Food and Drink Over the Issue of Unsustainable Palm Oil

The food giant was suspended from the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil last week because it has not complied with RSPO rules.

It was criticised for failing to submit a report stating how it would ensure the use of certified sustainable palm oil.

The membership of Nestlé with the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) has been suspended, effective from the date of this announcement, in accordance to Clause 5.5 of the RSPO Code of Conduct for Members 2017, and as approved by the RSPO Board of Governors at its meeting on 27 June 2018.

The reason for this suspension is due to breaches of the RSPO Statutes and Code of Conduct for Members 2017, outlined as follows: Nestlé has not submitted the ACOP report for 2016, and for 2017 submitted the ACOP report without a time-bound plan. It is compulsory for members to communicate their commitment by submitting the ACOP reports annually as required



under the Code of Conduct for Members 2017 as follows:

As several of Nestlé facilities are RSPO Supply Chain certified, membership suspension will result in suspension of certification.

Improved Digestive Health & Strengthened Defences in Children; Thanks to Chicory Root Fibres



A recently published scientific study by Professor Tamás Decsi and Szminóetta Lohner at the Department of Paediatrics, University of Pécs, Hungary, has shown important health benefits in kindergarten children aged 3 to 6 years, as a result of consuming chicory root fibres. Previous studies have demonstrated a strengthening of the natural defence system on infants and children between birth and two years of age. However, this is the first time this evidence has been established for this age group.

The human intervention study, which examined the supplementation of a daily dosage of 6g of chicory root fibre during the autumn and winter period, demonstrated various health benefits amongst children. These include improved gut microbiota composition, softer stools in a normal range and fewer incidences of infections in the group of 3 – 6-year old children. The study, conducted over six months with a double-blind, placebo controlled design, also confirmed that chicory root fibre was very well tolerated.



Laita's New Nutrition Division Officially Launching!

Designed to leverage their 30+ years of expertise in the health & nutrition sector complete with its own name, logo & most importantly dedicated team, this new B to B division is combining existing structures and creating synergies for easier access and enhanced service.

After launching in-house and giving both Gulfood and PLMA visitors a first glance at the brand, Laita is now ready and excited to roll out ESI Nutrition worldwide.

With a production site dedicated to UHT processing and aseptic filling as well as the new, recently inaugurated, state-of-the-art drying tower with



canning capabilities, both following a GMP Pharma approach, ESI Nutrition can offer safe products in a variety of shelf-stable formats and sizes with high quality packaging. This long

shelf-life component is increasingly important as more and more consumers are seeking tasty on-the-go options to enhance their daily nutrition and that of their whole family.

Release Agents Market worth 1,131.3 Million USD by 2023



The report "Release Agents Market by Ingredient (Emulsifiers, Vegetable Oils, Wax & Wax Esters, and Antioxidants), Application (Bakery, Confectionery, Processed Meat, and Convenience Food), Form (Liquid and Solid), Function, and Region - Global Forecast to 2023", the market is estimated at USD 925.4 million in 2018 and is projected to reach a value of USD 1,131.3 million by 2023, at a CAGR of 4.1%.

The market is driven by the increased use of release agents in the baking industry, growth in demand for natural sources of ingredients, research & development driving innovation, and increase in consumer awareness & health concerns. On the other hand, international regulations governing the use of release agents in food are the key factors hindering the growth of this market. This indicates that there is immense scope for the growth of the Release Agents Market, globally.

The vegetable oil ingredients segment is estimated to account for the largest share in the Release Agents Market in 2018.

Blockchain Supply Chain Market worth 3,314.6 Million USD by 2023

An increasing need for supply chain transparency and rising demand for enhanced security of supply chain transactions are expected to drive the market during the forecast period.

The smart contract application segment is projected to grow at the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Blockchain is finding increased application to automate contract execution in the supply chain management, eliminating the need for intermediaries. This has facilitated manufacturers, suppliers, and customers to build



a trusted relationship and streamline complex supply chain operations. The application of smart contract is expected surge with the availability of enterprise-ready solutions to overcome the existing limitations of contracts in terms of privacy, scalability, auditability, confidentiality, and performance.

The application and solution providers segment is expected to grow at the highest CAGR in the global Blockchain Supply Chain Market during the forecast period

Hotel and Restaurant Players Say GST Aggravated Overall Economic Slowdown

According to industry leaders, business is down by about 15%. While the restaurant segment may not have been impacted much, hotels, outdoor catering services and even bakers are complaining of a downturn.

It is for the first time that eateries have been brought into the tax net. They suffered a severe setback in the immediate aftermath of the roll out of GST but are now on their way to recovery. Multiple rates of taxation in residential hotels and taxes on items



of daily consumption have aggravated the slowdown, claim players.

In the bakery segment, most items are subject to 18% GST except for toast and pizza bases, on which 5% GST is levied. Bakers say that 18% tax on goods of mass consumption, especially by people from lower and middle income groups, has not gone down well with end consumers. A costlier product has directly hit sales, they say.

The Gujarat Bakery Association president, Mohammad bhai, said that rise in taxation has resulted in a 20-25% drop in business.

Gulabs Partners with BigBasket; Distribution in Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune and Hyderabad

Gulabs, the makers of tasty and delectable hand-crafted Indian snacks has partnered with BigBasket, the leading online food and grocery store. Under this partnership, customers in Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune and Hyderabad will be able to buy Gulabs products through the BigBasket.com website from the comforts of their home. BigBasket.com is a venture of Supermarket Grocery Supplies Pvt Ltd., was founded in December 2011 in Bangalore by a team of five - V S Sudhakar, Hari Menon, Vipul



Parekh, V S Ramesh and Abhinav Choudhari.

Commenting on the partnership, Ms. Ruchika Gupta, VP - Sales and Marketing of Gulabs said "Big Basket is a renowned player for online food and grocery shopping and the collaboration between Gulabs and BigBasket will let the consumers across different cities access our products in a jiffy. BigBasket's strong foothold in these cities and our handcrafted beverages and snacks is a right combination to make this partnership a success."

Bell Flavors & Fragrances Celebrates Two New Launches in Asia Pacific Region



Bell Flavors & Fragrances is thrilled to announce the recent launch of two new locations in Asia, Bell Flavors & Fragrances (Thailand) Ltd. and PT. Bell Flavors and Fragrances Indonesia. As part of the Bell international family, these locations in Thailand and Indonesia will continue to further Bell's commitment to serve locally in

the Asia Pacific region by utilizing local sales and marketing intelligence to better assist customers and capture consumer preferences more accurately.

A launch event was held in Bangkok, Thailand to commemorate the official opening of the Thailand office. Attended by James Heinz (President and CEO), Ted Sawicz (CFO), Khoe Hong Oan (MD, Bell Singapore), and other key executives from Bell Singapore, the launch event showcasing Bell's commitment and capabilities was well received by major customers and business associates in Thailand.

Outstanding Food to Launch its *Pigless* Bacon Chips



This August, Outstanding Foods, the 100% plant-based foods start-up company, will be launching its debut product – Pig Out *Pigless* Bacon Chips.

The new snack product will be available in four different flavours: Original, Kansas City BBQ, Chipotle, and Cheddar.

Outstanding Foods is a plant-based foods company that is based in the Venice neighborhood of Los Angeles.

It is co-founded by chef Dave Anderson, the former lead product developer at Beyond Meat and the owner of plant-based restaurant, Madeleine Bistro in LA.

Outstanding Foods was founded on a simple idea: To create the best tasting plant-based foods on the planet. Outstanding Foods is full of flavor. The product is made of wholesome ingredients – NOTHING artificial or derived from animals - all prepared with proprietary chef-crafted methods.

Global Bactericides Market Insights on Trends, Drivers and Opportunities 2028

The pesticide industry has witnessed significant transformation in the past few years, in terms of methods used for crop protection. Food security is one of the key factors driving the growth of global bactericides market during the forecast period. Bactericide is a chemical that kills and prevents the growth of agricultural bacteria.

Global Bactericides Market- Drivers & Restraints

The bactericides market has been segmented on the basis of crop type. Among crop type, food crop is expected to remain dominant during the forecast period owing to its growing demand as a result of an increase in population globally. Recently, the focus of agriculture industry has shifted towards the security of crops from bacteria.

Global Bactericides Market: Regional Outlook

Globally, the bactericides market has been divided into five key regions: North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia Pacific, and Middle East & Africa.

Food Safety Testing Market Global Forecast to 2022



Food Safety Testing Market by Food Tested (Meat & Poultry, Dairy, Processed Foods, and Fruits & Vegetables), Target Tested (Pathogens, Pesticides, GMOs, and Toxins), Technology (Traditional and Rapid), and Region - Global Forecast to 2022", the market

was valued at USD 12.01 Billion in 2016. It is projected to grow at a CAGR of 7.60% from 2017, to reach 18.54 Billion by 2022. The global Food Safety Testing Market is expanding with considerable growth potential over the next five years. The growth of this mar-

ket can be attributed to global rise in foodborne outbreaks, advancements in testing technologies, globalization of food supply, and stringent international food safety regulations.

Pathogen estimated to be the largest segment of target tested in 2017

The pathogen segment is estimated to account for the largest market share in the Food Safety Testing Market in 2017. Salmonella, E. coli, Listeria, and Campylobacter are the major pathogens responsible for food contamination and toxicity. They account for major contaminants found in food and account for major number of food safety testing. Increasing incidences of foodborne illness, globally, due to pathogen outbreaks is driving the pathogen segment.

HL Agro Promulgates an Extended Array of Sesame Seeds, Starch & Corn Sweeteners

HL Agro seeks to grow enterprise client base at IFT 2018, Chicago. The company is the leading exporter of sesame seeds, starch & corn derivatives steps forward to partake in the IFT Expo 2018, billed as the world's biggest food industry trade show, to further expand the brand's stronghold in the global food ingredients market & grow its enterprise customer base. IFT opening its doors on July will run for four consecutive days -15 July – 18 July 2018, in Chicago, Illinois.

At this year's show, HL agro will be presenting its processed array of natural & hulled sesame seeds, corn starch,



liquid glucose, corn by-products & attempt to position its products directly with import/ distribution segments in USA & other geographies including food manufacturers, food service providers, wholesalers, importers and trade agents. The representatives of the team will be available to share product insights & strike business engagement ideas / solutions with the visiting league of food industry experts, peers & prospective customers.

Wood Powder, Expired Tea Powder Were Kept to Make Fake and Adulterated Tea Powder

The food safety officials of Kancheepuram district seized 5 tonnes of adulterated tea powder from a house in West Tambaram and detained one person, on Tuesday. The raid was conducted in a house in Old State Bank Colony in West Tambaram and the godown in-charge Ram alias Ramakrishnan (45) was detained. The food safety officials said that Ramakrishnan would be handed

over to Tambaram police.

According to officials, the raid was conducted following complaints of fake and adulterated tea powder in the locality. The food safety officials under executive officer Ramakrishnan had seized wood powder, expired tea powder and others weighing over 5 tons that were kept to make fake and adulterated tea powder in the name of popular tea brands.



Pamex to Give a Sunny Start to 2020 For Printers

In the backdrop of the successful last edition, which featured 350+ exhibitors, 75+ product launches, 200+ running machines & several other attractions, recording unprecedented

footfall of 25223 visitors, Pamex 2020 aims to be even bigger.

The International Exhibition on Printing & Allied Machinery Industries is scheduled to happen from 6-9

January at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

The Show will host dedicated pavilions for label & narrow web printing and presses; paper & board converting and corrugated machinery & equipment. Flexo & gravure printing, digital presses, web offset presses, sheet fed offset presses and signage machinery & process equipment will widely be displayed at the event.

More than 100 companies have already booked their stalls at the next edition. To name a few of the leading companies, Canon India, Konica Minolta, Ample Graphics, Condot Systems, PS Graphics, Mehta CadCam Systems, Intec Printing Solutions and Xerox India are already on board.



Coca-Cola Turkey Launched Its New Summer Promotional Range



Crown collaborates with Coca-Cola Turkey for summer promo making use of thermochromic inks to add colour and function to ten new aluminium beverages can designs.

Four separate inks have been used to create bright designs that stand out when the cans are chilled and the drinks ready for consumption.

The designs featured on Coke Red and Coke Zero beverage cans all have summer themes, ranging from ice cubes and palm trees to sandals and sailing boats. The images are colourless at ambient temperature and change to colourful patterns when the drink is chilled and ready for consumption.

The cans are produced at Crown's Osmaniye plant, in central southern Turkey, a production facility with the capacity to produce approximately two billion cans per year.

A total of 70 million units will be produced in 2018 for this campaign, with a large number already in the retail supply chain.

Goldschmaus Natur's Ishida IX-GA-2475 Inspects Small Products at High Speed

German meat and sausage manufacturer Goldschmaus Natur says new X-ray inspection equipment is helping it meet the standards necessary to export products to Japan.

The Ishida IX-GA-2475, which has been designed for inspecting small products at high speed, checks for foreign bodies in unpacked Frankfurter sausages.

The sausages are taken to the production line in strings on special smoke trolleys and manually fed onto the processing line. Once cut from the strings, the individual sausages pass through the X-ray system at high speed, separated by only a few centimetres.

The technology behind the system is based on software incorporating an intelligent genetic algorithm. Since similar contaminants are usually found again and again in sausage manufacture, the system can be optimised to look for these objects.

The IX-GA 2475 operates at a belt speed of 60 metres per minute, inspecting up to 200 sausages per minute.

Alcohol Partners in Meeting with the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Businesses can enable bold ideas and greater impact through its investment, unique expertise, technology, reach, and data. IARD members, as the leading beer, wine and spirits producers, are determined to be part of this movement of positive change to promote sustainable development for all.

Partnering for Progress on SDGs looks at work by IARD members that has effected meaningful change across the globe, focusing on the key areas of combatting harmful use of alcohol, improving health, reducing

environmental impact, fostering economic growth and reducing NCDs. Their collective efforts have had a positive impact on thousands of communities in over a hundred communities from the Dominican Republic to India.

IARD's CEO and President Henry Ashworth commented: "this report and the examples cited in it, highlights the progress that can be achieved through meaningful partnerships between businesses, NGOs and governments in delivering the Sustainable Development Goals."

Chew and Texture Technologies Partner to Fast Track New Product Development



Research showing that the majority of consumers are dissatisfied with current heating methods for on-the-go drinks has led to the development of a microwaveable solution for aseptic carton packs.

Developed by SIG, the new 'Heat&Go' pack is aluminium-free and can be heated in a microwave or vending machine.

'Heat&Go' offers protection to beverage products, and can be produced on

existing SIG filling machines with a simple, one-time upgrade to enable it to run standard and aluminium-free material structures, explains Ali Kaylan, SIG's vice-president of global marketing. "By replacing the aluminium foil with a high-barrier

film and a light blocking pigment, it protects the product from oxygen ingress, flavour migration, light and water, and is perfectly suited for still drinks and low viscosity, sensitive, enhanced juice and liquid dairy beverages."

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