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Subject : **REGULATION AND MONITORING OF THE MANDATORY FORTIFICATION OF STAPLES (RICE, SUGAR, FLOUR AND COOKING OIL) AND THEIR UTILIZATION BY FOOD PROCESSORS AS INGREDIENTS**

To : ALL BFAD DIVISION CHIEFS  
ALL FOOD PROCESSORS

This is in relation to the compliance of the food industry to the mandatory fortification of staples: cooking oil and sugar with Vitamin A, flour with iron and vitamin A and rice with iron by 07 November 2004.

All processed foods for registration that have the above mentioned food ingredients should use the fortified form according to RA 8976 Section 6 a and b and Section 11 starting 07 November 2004.

Should the industry wish to be exempted on this, they should submit a science based documentation on why the product should be exempted from using the staple fortified ingredients as per Rule X Section 2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations for RA 8976.

For strict compliance and implementation.

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