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To : All Concerned

Subject : **The Field Test Kits for Iodated Salt**

For the information and guidance of all concerned, the field test kits distributed to the Centers for Health Development are test kits for use only to check the presence of potassium iodate in salt. Thereto, these same kits shall give negative results to potassium iodide, another permissible fortificant which might have been used as source of iodine. Accordingly, a negative result using the kit shall require further testing for potassium iodide. This means determination of iodine shall include testing of the salts for the presence of either the potassium iodate or potassium iodide.

Any order on recall or withdrawal from the market shall be instituted only if the salt is found negative for iodine or its level is less than the standard requirement after validation of regional or central office titration laboratory.

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