MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 23rd August, 2007

S.O. 1519(E).—Whereas, the Central Government, with a view to protecting the environment, nature and health in connection with the application of gene technology and micro-organisms, has notified the Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous micro-organisms / Genetically engineered organisms or Cells Rules, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as the said Rules) *vide* number G.S.R. 1037(E), dated the 5th December, 1989;

And, whereas, rule 20 of the said Rules empowers the Ministry of Environment and Forests to exempt an occupier handling a particular micro-organisms/genetically engineered organisms from the application of the provisions of rules 7 to 11 of the said Rules;

And, whereas, the Ministry of Environment and Forests considers it necessary that the occupier of processed food derived from living modified organisms specified in column (1) of the Table below may be exempted from the provisions of the rule specified in column (2) of the said Table;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of rule 20 of the Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous micro-organisms/Genetically engineered organisms or Cells Rules, 1989, the Ministry of Environment and Forests, hereby exempts the occupier of the processed food derived from living modified organisms specified in the Table with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, namely : —

TABLE

Processed food items derived from living modified organisms	Rule from which exempted.
(1)	(2)
Food stuffs, ingredients in food stuffs and additives including processing aids derived from Living Modified Organisms where the end product is not a Living Modified Organisms.	Rule 11

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Note :— The Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous micro-organisms / Genetically engineered organisms or Cells Rules, 1989 were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, *vide* number G.S.R. 1037(E), dated the 5th December, 1989, which came into force *vide* notification S.O. 677(E), dated the 13th September, 1993, and were subsequently amended *vide* notification numbers G.S.R.493 (E), dated the 14th July, 2005 and G.S.R. 616(E), dated the 20th September, 2006.

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