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Shri H.G.Koshia
Commissioner,
Food & Drug Control Administration
Gujarat.

Dear Sir,

Sub: - Recent notification directing waiters & cooked food vendors in Restaurants, Hotels, Food Joints etc. to wear “Hand Gloves” & “Caps” while serving customers.

Warm Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI).

At the outset, we congratulate Food & Drug Control Administration in Gujarat for exemplary work that is being done to ensure that people at large receive & serve food in hygienic conditions & manner.

It is heartening that FDCA has recently issued the direction that all waiters as well as hawkers and other food vendors either working independently or as part of a restaurant or a Hotel, must serve food & edible items, wearing Hand Gloves and Cap.

While this is highly laudable decision taken by FDCA, based on the feedback that we have received from many of our members associated with catering, food supply, restaurants, hotels etc. we write this letter to share the following suggestions with your esteemed department.

- It is our humble suggestion that some time-duration should be given prior to implementing this notification so that all such outlets get enough opportunity to prepare themselves for the same.
- We sincerely believe that merely for this particular offense, it seems unreasonable to outright destroy the food on the spot. Inspectors should either issue a warning or a token fine can be charged in such cases.

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- In case of Fine the same should be only a nominal fine in the first instance and should only be increased gradually on repeated non-compliance.
- It is also proposed that the inspectors can have hand gloves & caps available at subsidized rates with them and can be given at the outlets where they have failed to obey such orders.
- FDCA should prepare a slim volume where the drawings can also be available which would enable even illiterate persons in this industry to understand where to get such hand-gloves & caps, how to use them etc.
- Such booklet can include the name and addresses of the shops where such hand gloves & caps can be available at reasonable rates.

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Dear Sir, it is also humbly suggested that whenever such policy related notifications are to be implemented, the representatives of stake holders or GCCI which is the apex body of all Trade & Industry related associations of Gujarat may kindly be taken into confidence and an opportunity may kindly be given to us to share our views.

We believe such approach will help carry the stake holders along with the department in effective implementation of any such policy related notification.

We look forward to positive response from your worthy department.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Durgesh Buch
President

Copy submitted respectfully to:

**The Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation,
Ahmedabad.**