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Centre Introduces Standard Pack Sizes for Edible Oils to Ensure Uniformity and Transparency

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The Department of Consumer Affairs, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, has introduced standard pack sizes for edible oils and fats under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. The initiative aims to promote uniformity, transparency, and ease of price comparison for consumers while preventing misleading packaging practices in the edible oil market.?

Standardized pack sizes will make it easier for consumers to compare prices across brands.

The move seeks to curb misleading packaging and quantity-related confusion.

It is part of the government's efforts to strengthen consumer protection and market transparency.

Legal Metrology Act, 2009:

Enacted to regulate weights and measures in India.

Ensures accuracy and standardization in trade and commerce.

Implemented by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Protects consumers from unfair trade practices related to quantity and measurement.

Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011:

Framed under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

Governs labeling and packaging requirements for commodities sold in packaged form.

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Mandates disclosure of:

Net quantity

Maximum Retail Price (MRP)

Manufacturer details

Date of manufacture/packing

Department of Consumer Affairs:

Functions under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Responsible for:

Consumer protection

Legal metrology

Essential commodities regulation

Consumer awareness initiatives

Consumer Protection Act, 2019:

Replaced the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Established the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA).

Provides safeguards against unfair trade practices and misleading advertisements.

Exam Focus Points (Quick Revision Notes):

Ministry in News ? Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Department ? Department of Consumer Affairs

New Measure ? Standard pack sizes for edible oils and fats

Related Rules ? Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011

Related Act ? Legal Metrology Act, 2009

Objective ? Uniformity and transparency

Consumer Protection Law ? Consumer Protection Act, 2019

Regulatory Authority ? Department of Consumer Affairs

CCPA Established Under ? Consumer Protection Act, 2019

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