

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT- NOTICE TO OPERATORS OF FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS**

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), through its surveillance activities, has noticed the advertisement of unregistered Food Service Establishments (FSEs) on social media.

Operators of Food Service Establishments, including contract caterers, are reminded to regularize their activities with the Food and Drugs Authority in accordance with Section 130 of the Public Health Act 2012, Act 851, which states that ***A person shall not manufacture for sale, sell, supply or store products regulated under this part except in premises registered for that purpose under this part.***

For the purposes of this notice, a "Food Service Establishment" is an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends, or otherwise provides food for human consumption such as a restaurant, satellite or catered feeding location [Ref FDA's **Code of Hygienic Practices for Food Service Establishments in The Hospitality Industry FDA/FSMD/CP-FSE/2013/03**]

The general public, including corporate bodies, are advised to only contract the services of and patronize Food Service Establishments that have obtained a valid Food Hygiene Permit from the Food and Drugs Authority.

The FDA cannot guarantee the quality of the operations and the safety of food sold in establishments that do not have valid Food Hygiene Permits.

Details of establishments with valid Food Hygiene Permits are published on the Authority's website quarterly and the Food Hygiene Permits of such establishments should always be conspicuously displayed at their premises.

All Food Service Establishments that fail to acquire the required regulatory permits by **1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020** would be subjected to the requisite regulatory sanctions.

The general public is encouraged to report activities of Food Service Establishments that are likely to endanger public health and safety on the following numbers:

**HOTLINES - 0299802932, 0299802933**

**TOLL FREE NUMBER – 0800151000 (free only on Airtel and Vodafone)**

**SMS SHORTCODE – 4015**

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