

## **Role of Sri Lanka Standards Institution with respect to the quality of Edible Oils available in Sri Lankan Market**

Sri Lanka standards have been prepared by SLSI for almost all edible oils such as coconut oil, palm oil, palm olein, sunflower oil, soya bean oil, sesame seed oil, corn oil etc. The standards are being updated regularly as per the procedures of SLSI to be in line with national & international standards. Compliance to SLS product standards is monitored by SLSI via SLS product certification scheme operated as a voluntary scheme by Sri Lanka Standards Institution unless made compulsory for the items concerned by Sri Lankan government. At present SLS product certification scheme remains as a voluntary scheme for edible oil in the Sri Lankan market.

With respect to imported oils as coconut oil, palm oil, palm olein, sunflower oil, soya bean oil, sesame seed oil, corn oil etc compliance to relevant SLS standard is compulsory. As per the current regulations imposed under import and export control act, SLSI has the authority to make recommendations to Sri Lanka Customs with respect to release of consignments based on the quality of imported oil.

All imported oil under the purview of Sri Lanka Standards Institution are being strictly monitored, samples are drawn by a team of trained staff and tested by a crew of competent analysts in well-equipped accredited /accepted laboratories. SLSI has taken measures to give recommendations to Sri Lanka Customs without undue delay as per the criteria and guidelines developed to streamline the import inspection scheme of SLSI within the framework of authority given under the regulations.

Although Sri Lanka Standards Institution assures the quality of imported edible oil under the Import Inspection Scheme at the point of importing to the country, SLSI has no authority to monitor and assure the quality of locally available edible oil.

**SLSI always strive to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our consumers**