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Respected Sir,

On behalf of Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan, an organization representing the interests of camel breeders since 1996, we would like to express our appreciation that camel milk finally has been officially declared as a food item in India. At the same time, we are extremely concerned that the standard for camel milk has been set at 3% fat content, since camel milk fat content in India can naturally be as low as 1.9% fat, especially at the end of the dry season. Our own controlled tests of camel milk produced in our part of Rajasthan have shown that fat content fluctuates between 1.9 and more than 4% throughout the year and depending on the forage consumed by camels. We believe the research of the National Research Centre on camels has come up with the same results.

The authoritative work on camel milk by the Food and Agriculture Organization FAO also indicates that in drought conditions, fat content can be as low as 1,1 % - please see the last line in Table III at <http://www.fao.org/docrep/003/X6528E/X6528E03.htm>

Another meta-analysis of camel milk composition also lists examples of camel milk having fat content as low as 1.2%.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/222397882_The_composition_of_camel_milk_A_meta-analysis_of_the_literature_data

Apart from that, fat content is of least importance to the prime consumers of camel milk in India, i.e. autistic children and Diabetes patients. In fact, **customers value naturally low fat camel milk.**

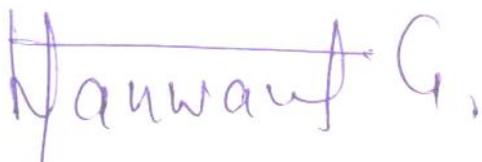
If pure camel milk is eliminated from the market because of its naturally low fat content, this would be to the detriment of the long suffering camel breeders, and it would also not be in the interest of the camel milk consumers.

We therefore request you to make a note in the notification that the fat content of pure unadulterated camel milk can fluctuate between 1.9% and more than 4%.

We would be pleased to try to answer any questions and welcome any dialogue for the sake of connecting both camel breeders and the growing number of camel milk consumers in India.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter!

With kind regards



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Director, LPPS