NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

MARCH ISSUE

Deploying Food Safety on Wheels (FSW) for checking of adulteration in milk in the country

168 FSW mobile food testing labs are available in the states/UTs to carry out on the spot food testing of food products including milk and milk products. The tests that can be carried out are: Fat, SNF, Protein, Adulterants (added water, urea, sucrose, maltodextrin, ammonium sulphate)

Request to carry out special enforcement drive to check the quality/safety of Nutraceuticals/Health supplements products

FSSAI has requested to conduct special enforcement drive for the Nutraceuticals/Health supplement products as it has come to the notice that these products being sold in the market are not compliant with the provisions of FSS (Nutra), 2022.

(7 MAR' 23)

Clearance of Imported consignments of Food Grains including Pulses and Crude oil (edible grade)

The authorized officers are directed to facilitate and carry out food import clearance process of food grains including pulses and crude oil without delay to ensure timely processing.

(9 MAR' 23)

Prohibition of use of Calcium Carbide as a ripening agent

FSSAI has banned the use of Calcium Carbide, (Masala) as a ripening agent for artificial ripening of the fruits as per the provision in sub-regulation 2.3.5 of FSS (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulation, 2011. This is done to prevent the humans from the harmful effects i.e. due to the presence of traces of arsenic and phosphorus it may cause dizziness, frequent thirst etc.

(13 MAR' 23)

Press release regarding the use of the term Curd along with any other designation (prevalent regional common name) in brackets on the label."

The Authority has revoked the order to rename curd packets as 'Dahi". According to the press release, It has been decided that FBOs may use the term Curd along with any other designation (prevalent regional common name) in brackets on the label. For example:

- Curd (Dahi)
- · Curd (Mosaru)
- Curd (Zaamut daud)
- · Curd (Thayir)
- Curd (Perugu)

This decision to allow the use of 'Curd' along with regional language is a positive step towards addressing the concerns of various regional language speaking groups.

(30 MAR' 23)

Notification of authorized officer under Section 25 read with section 47(5) of FSS Act 2006 and Regulations 13(1) of FSS(Imports) Regulations 2017.

FSSAI has decided to notify Authorized officer (any one of jurisdictional custom officials of rank Superintendent/Appraiser/Inspector/Examiner) at additional food import entry point for food import clearance till further orders. The new entry point that has been notified as food import entry point is ICD- Adani Kila Raipur- Ludhiana.

LEGAL METROLOGY UPDATES:

Extension of declaration of Unit Sale Price (USP) on prepackaged Commodities

This announcement pertains to the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2022, which states about the extension of the declaration of unit sale price on pre-packaged commodities until 1st June, 2023.

(27 MAR' 23)