

# NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS  
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## **FSSAI highlights enforcement action in respect of products with the ingredient S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine (SAME) under FSSAI license**

The ingredient/products with S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine (SAME) are not considered as 'food' by the authority. Therefore, the FBOs are directed to ensure that such products are not sold under FSSAI license in markets/ e-commerce platforms and modify their active licenses, if any, failing which, action shall be taken by the respective enforcement authorities.

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## **FSSAI clarifies with regard to declaration of address of the brand owner on the food labels**

Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 specifies that the declaration of address of the brand owner on the labels of pre-packages food may be provided by the FBO either through text or Barcode/GTIN on the label. With respect to this, if the same has already been provided through a Barcode/GTIN, the same need not be declared again through the text and vice versa. Further, the authority has emphasized on preventing any unnecessary actions including issuance of notices to such FBOs if they are compliant with the aforementioned provisions.

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## **Gazette Notification for The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2023.**

In the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2023, several key changes have been introduced. These rules shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 2024. With respect to changes, clear definitions, and illustrations for combination, group and multi-piece packages have been incorporated. Further, these packages are exempted from mandatory USP declarations. Furthermore, several declarations are made mandate for the loose commodities ordered through e-commerce platforms. Lastly, for products such as edible oil, vanaspati ghee, and butter oil, if the net quantity is declared by volume, it is now also mandatory to include a declaration by weight. These changes aim to enhance clarity and transparency in product packaging and labelling.

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## **FSSAI provides clarification for Import of food consignment for 100% Export/Re-export purpose**

The customs authority need not to refer the imported articles of food to the Food Authority for clearance of consignments intended for captive use of production of value-added products meant for 100% Export/ Re-export. Further, if such representation is still received by FICS, 'Not in Scope' certificate will be issued by the authority.

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## **FSSAI has re-operationalized certain provisions specified in draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2022**

FSSAI released the draft FSS (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2022 including the provisions related to labelling of non-retail containers, minimally processed food, tolerance limit, warning statement related to pan masala etc. dated 17.06.2022. With respect to this, the draft regulations were re-operationalized with effect from 01.01.2023, however the process of finalization and publication of the draft is going to take some more time due to which the same has now been re-operationalized with effect from 01.07.2023.

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## **FSSAI released a guidance document on donkey milk**

FSSAI has released a guidance document on Donkey milk to highlight its scientific profile. It is an unlisted food item in India and consumers' interest is escalating for its use as a substitute for human milk. This document includes the history, lactation details, sensory, microbiological & physicochemical properties, gross composition, nutrition and therapeutic effects, and limitations on processing and use.

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## **FSSAI urges FBOs for inclusion of QR Codes on Food Products**

Alongside the mandatory information on the product label, FSSAI has urged the FBOs to incorporate QR codes encompassing all the product details to facilitate easy access for visually impaired individuals.

( 19 OCTOBER 2023 )

## **FSSAI clarifies that addition of protein binders is not permitted in milk and milk products**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has clarified that the addition of protein binders is not permitted in milk and milk products. Since their application can affect the biological and nutritive value of the milk, only those additives can be used in milk and milk products which are specified for such products in Appendix A of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011.

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## **FSSAI urges FBOs to specify iron salts with respect to fortified rice**

It has come to the attention of the authority that FBOs specify only the nutrient name, such as "Iron," without indicating the salt in it. Absence of this information in the ingredient list is posing challenges at the field level, including issues related to surveillance, implementation, and enforcement activities. In this regard, FSSAI urges FBOs to specify the exact ingredient in the list of ingredients on label/accompanying document in case of Retail/Non retail containers, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions outlined in FSS (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 and FSS (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018.

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