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FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

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FSSAI Advisory for E-commerce Food Business Operators (FBOs) on strengthening food safety compliance.

FSSAI released an advisory for E-commerce FBOs on strengthening food safety compliance. This includes prioritizing the training of last-mile delivery personnel in food safety and hygiene, ensuring separate delivery of food and non-food items to prevent cross-contamination, and make sure that product claims made on e-commerce platforms align with product's physical labels to avoid misleading information. E-commerce food business operators (FBOs) must also ensure products have sufficient shelf life (at least 30% or 45 days before expiry) at the time of delivery. Additionally, e-commerce platforms are encouraged to prominently display FSSAI License/Registration numbers of the sellers and Hygiene Ratings to enhance consumer trust. No e-commerce FBO shall list any seller on its platform without displaying their valid FSSAI license or registration, further promoting transparency and consumer confidence.

(03 DECEMBER 2024)

Validity of FSSAI recognised Food Testing Laboratories.

FSSAI has released a list of FSSAI Recognized laboratories along with the validity of their NABL accreditation as on 12 December,2024 along with the contact details for the purpose of analysing the food samples taken under the FSS Act, 2006 and Rules and Regulations made there under. The recognition and validity of these laboratories shall remain subject to the guidelines and orders issued by FSSAI from time to time.

(12 DECEMBER 2024)

Revised list of FSSAI notified laboratories for testing of fortificants in Fortified Rice (FR), Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK), and Vitamin-Mineral premix for Fortified Rice Kernel.

FSSAI has released an updated list of approved FSSAI notified laboratories that can test fortificants like Iron, Vitamin B12 and Vitamin B9, in Fortified Rice (FR) given in Annexure-1, Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) given in Annexure-2 and Vitamin-mineral premix for fortified rice kernel given in Annexure-3. The recognition and validity of such laboratories shall be governed by the guidelines issued by the Food authority. Refer to NABL website for the list of the latest accreditation validity of such laboratories. Also, this order supersedes the previous order dated 18.11.2024.

(18 DECEMBER 2024)

Sample quantity of Imported Vitamin D2

FSSAI has released an order regarding the sample quantity of imported Vitamin D2. As per the FSS (Laboratory and Sample Analysis) Regulations, 2011, Vitamin D2 falls under under "food not specified," for which sample quantity requirement is 500g. In this context, a representation was received for drawing a smaller quantity of "Vitamin D2" due to its high cost. The Authorized Officers are now directed to collect a representative sample of at least 50g i.e. two samples of 25g each from imported consignments of Vitamin D2.

As per Regulation 9(9) of the Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulation, 2017, "On the sample being found to be safe, the remaining sample shall be returned to the food importer". Accordingly, the second portion of the sample shall be duly returned to the food importer.

(20 DECEMBER 2024)