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FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

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Provision for Quarterly Submission of Data regarding Rejected and Expired Food Items.

FSSAI introduces a new provision requiring food manufacturers, repackers, relabellers, and importers to submit information regarding Quantity of Rejected Food Items, Quantity of Expired Products and Action taken with Rejected/Expired items on quarterly basis. This initiative is designed to enhance real-time tracking of such products by the food authority.

In preparation for this requirement, FSSAI has urged the concerned FBOs to begin collecting the necessary data until the feature is activated on the FoSCoS portal.

(16 DECEMBER, 2024)

FSSAI's fixes July 1st every year as date for any amendment of Labelling and Display Regulations

FSSAI has designated July 1st of each year as the enforcement date for any amendments under the FSS (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020. This deadline will be subject to a minimum of 180 days from the date of notification for any changes to labelling requirements. The move ensures a clear timeline for Food Business Operators to comply with the amended regulations.

This decision offers practical benefits, allowing FBOs ample time to use preprinted packaging materials before transitioning to updated labels. This not only helps reduce waste but also improves operational efficiency, while reinforcing FSSAI's commitment to maintaining food safety and protecting public health.

(15 JANUARY, 2025)

FSSAI rolls out comprehensive measures for Food Safety at Maha Kumbh 2025; Deploys Mobile Food- Testing Labs, Officers to Safeguard Food Safety

FSSAI has implemented extensive measures to ensure safe and hygienic food for millions of devotees at the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela, 2025, in Prayagraj. In collaboration with the UP Food Safety and Drug Administration, FSSAI has deployed 10 Mobile Food Testing Labs (Food Safety on Wheels) to conduct on-the-spot tests for adulteration and spoilage. Additionally, 56 Food Safety Officers, including five Chief FSOs, are assigned to oversee hygiene across the fair's five zones and 25 sectors.

Regular inspections are being conducted at hotels, dhabas, and food stalls. Samples of essential food items like rice, sugar, and wheat flour are being tested for quality. FSSAI has also set up an interactive pavilion to engage the public, with Nukkad Natak performances, live quizzes, and awareness campaigns on food safety and hygiene.

These initiatives reflect FSSAI's commitment to public health and safe food practices during the Mela.

(19 JANUARY, 2025)

Timeline for the Compliance of Amendments in Labelling Provisions-Department of Consumer Affairs, Weights and Measures

To improve transparency and ensure the timely implementation of amendments, the 1st January and 1st July of each year have been designated as the official dates for enforcing any amendments in the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. This deadline is subject to a minimum of 180 days from the date of notification for any amendments in the labelling provisions.

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