

# NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

## SEPTEMBER ISSUE

### **FSSAI Enforces Special Drives to Check Adulteration of Sweets, Savouries, Milk & Milk Products During the Festive Season**

FSSAI urges Food Safety Officers and Designated Officers to maintain strict vigilance over the manufacturing and sale of sweets, savouries, milk & milk products such as ghee, khoya, paneer etc., during the ongoing festive season in their respective jurisdictions. This heightened vigilance is due to the economic motivation to adulterate these products to meet the rising consumer demand. FSSAI has also stated that, Food Safety on Wheels (FSW), where available, should be positioned in prominent markets or deployed based on specific intelligence inputs to ensure that such products are safe to consume and comply with the relevant food product standards.



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### **FSSAI Issues Order on Reduction in Testing Fee for Pan India Surveillance**

FSSAI has reduced the testing fees for Pan-India surveillance programs conducted by the QA division of FSSAI HQ on food products, which are conducted to gather data for food safety monitoring, risk assessment, identifying hotspots of adulteration, and setting standards, by 50%. This reduction is in accordance with Order No. 12014/01/2020 dated November 3, 2021, and its corrigendum dated January 19, 2023, which pertains to testing fees for all food categories. GST will be applicable on these rates as per the orders of the Central Government.

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## **FSSAI Extends the Provision for Instant (Tatkal) Issuance of License/Registration in Certain Categories of Food Businesses Nationwide**

FSSAI has extended the provision for Instant (Tatkal) issuance of License/Registration of food businesses nationwide, excluding the States/ UTs of Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, and Meghalaya. This provision will be implemented in these States/UTs after incorporating state-specific requirements. Previously, this provision was restricted to food businesses in Assam, Delhi, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, and Kerala. As outlined in the previous order, only specific categories of food businesses such as Wholesalers, Distributors, Retailers, Transporters, Storage without Atmospheric Control, Importers, Food Vending Agencies, Direct Sellers, Merchant-Exporters, Petty Retailers of snacks/tea shops & Hawkers (Itinerant/ Mobile food vendors) are eligible for this provision. Further, FAQs on the same are available on the homepage of the Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS).



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## **Testing of Prohibited Substances Declared by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for 'Food for Sportperson' Under FSSAI License**

Under Regulation (8) of the FSS (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose, Functional Food, and Novel Food) Regulations, 2016, any food products intended for sportsperson, categorized as 'Food for Special Dietary Use' must not contain substances prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). In compliance with this regulation, FSSAI has accredited the Centre of Excellence for Research and Analysis of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, with the scope of 'Chemical' and is equipped for testing the 76 WADA-listed substances. This laboratory is now authorized for use by enforcement authorities for the testing of 'Food for Sportspersons' with FSSAI license to ensure compliance with WADA's prohibited substance regulations.

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## **FSSAI Announces Implementation of “Agreement” signed between FSSAI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA)**

FSSAI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA), Ministry of Health, Royal Govt. of Bhutan signed an “Agreement” at Thimphu on 21 March, 2024, recognizing the official control exercised by BFDA on Food Business Operators as equivalent to FSSAI’s requirement. BFDA, in addition, shall issue health certificate as proof of compliance with FSSAI requirements for export of food products to India. NOC may be given to imported food consignments from Bhutanese Manufacturer if approved Health Certificate duly issued by the BFDA Competent Authority, copy of signatures of the Authorized signatories issuing the Health Certificate, & List of approved establishment of Bhutan with scope of approval are compliant as checked by the concerned officers.



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## **Draft Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2024 Relating to Comprehensive Revision of MRL of Pesticide**

FSSAI has published the draft Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, with the proposed amendments. The public has 60 days from the Gazette publication date to submit objections or suggestions regarding the same. FSSAI seeks to substitute with the following points under 2.3.1 Restriction on the use of Pesticides/Insecticides :

- (1) The expression “insecticide” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Insecticide Act, 1968.
- (2) No pesticide/insecticide shall be used directly on article of food except fumigants registered and approved under the Insecticides Act, 1968.
- (3) Tolerance limit of 0.01 mg/kg shall apply for the pesticides/insecticides which are not registered under the Insecticide Act, 1968 except in case of spices and culinary herbs for which Tolerance limit shall be 0.1 mg/kg.
- 4) Further, the revised MRL of pesticides are provided in this draft as well.

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## **Draft Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Amendment Regulations, 2024**

FSSAI has published the draft Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018, with the proposed amendments, wherein sub-regulation (4) of the regulation 7 shall be omitted. Moreover, these regulations may be called as the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Amendment Regulations, 2024. The public has 60 days from the Gazette publication date to submit objections or suggestions regarding the same. Objections & suggestions if any, may be directed to the Chief Executive Officer of FSSAI via post or email.

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## **Draft Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2024 Relating to Limits of Metal Contaminant, Crop Contaminants & Naturally Occurring Toxic Substances and Antibiotic**

FSSAI has published the draft Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, with the proposed amendments:

Under 2.1 - I) Substitute "Pulses" to "Pulses and Pulse flours" for lead, "Edible fats and oils (edible fats and oils not covered by individual standards)" to "Edible fats and oils (edible fats and oils not covered by individual standards)\*" for arsenic, "Pulses, excluding soybean dry" with "Pulses and Pulse flours, excluding soybean dry" for cadmium. II) Addition of the note for fish oils at the end of the table with respect to the ML for inorganic arsenic.

Under 2.2.1 - I) Substitute "Oilseeds or oil: Oilseeds for further processing, Ready to eat" to "Oils and Oilseeds for further processing" and "Ready to eat oilseeds" for total aflatoxin & aflatoxin B1. II) Update the maximum limit for Saffrole in "Beverages and foods containing mace and/or nutmeg kernel as an ingredient" to 10 ppm.

Under 2.3.2 - I) Omit Clause (1). II) In Clause (4), insert "Sea foods including shrimps, prawns, or any other variety of fish and fishery products" & "0.05" for Trimethoprim; and "50", "Oxolinic acid", "Sea foods including shrimps, prawns, or any other variety of fish and fishery products", "0.3" after serial no. 49 in their respective columns.

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## **Kerala Tops FSSAI's State Food Safety Index**

Kerala has secured the top position in the sixth State Food Safety Index (SFSI), 2024, marking the state's second consecutive win. Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir follow in second and third position, respectively. This was released by the Union Health Minister J P Nadda at the Second Edition of Global Food Regulators Summit (GFRS) 2024, hosted by FSSAI in conjunction with the World Food India 2024 event organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. The index evaluates states based on five key parameters: Human Resources and Institutional Data, Compliance, Food Testing-Infrastructure and Surveillance, Training and Capacity Building, and Consumer Empowerment. Special recognition was given to Nagaland among the northeastern states for its significant progress in improving the food safety ecosystem compared to the previous year.



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## **FSSAI sign MoU with Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock in the Area of Food Safety**

FSSAI signed an MoU with Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture of Livestock (MAPA), at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi during the Global Food Regulators Summit, 2024. The MoU was jointly signed by Mr. Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro, Agriculture and Livestock Minister, Brazil and Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, CEO of FSSAI. This MoU aims to enhance food safety through joint projects and technical cooperation, fostering a mutually beneficial and productive partnership. This agreement represents a significant milestone in the bilateral relations between the two countries in the field of food safety and aims to strengthen the institutional collaboration and pursue joint initiatives, further advancing food safety in both countries.

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