

# NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

## AUGUST ISSUE

### **FSSAI extends the enrolment of Non-Food Production (NFP) Units for collection of Used Cooking Oil from FBOs**

FSSAI extended the validity of provisional enrolment of the 50 Non-Food Production (NFP) Units up to 31st July 2025 or till registration mechanism in the State/UT gets devised as per the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for Biodiesel Manufacturing's Gazette notification dated 30.04.2019 vide. No. P-13039 (18)/1/2018-CCP(P-26825).

FSSAI also provided the details of the 50 NFP units in Annexure-1. FSSAI also mentioned that the NFP Units would be bound by SOPs, orders and guidelines that will be issued by the Food Authority from time to time. It was also brought into account that in case any non-compliance of the SOPs, orders and guidelines is observed or if there is submission of any false information, FSSAI reserves the right to cancel the enrolment of any such NFP Units.

(05 AUGUST 2024)

### **FSSAI issues Directions under Section 16(5) of FSSA, 2006 regarding Disposal of Used Cooking Oil (UCO)**

FSSAI withdrew the Order No. RCD-18/1/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI-Part (2), dated 20th January 2022, with immediate effect pertaining to the disposal of Used Cooking Oil (UCO). This Direction highlighted the provision of withdrawal of the order dated 20th January 2022, that was passed with respect to Used Cooking Oil that has developed Total Polar Compounds (TPC) of more than 25% and shall not be topped up with fresh oil.

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## **FSSAI issues Advisory regarding Selling/Marketing of Reconstituted Fruit Juices as “100% Fruit Juices”**

FSSAI extended the date for the use of all the pre-printed packaging material for the fruit juices sold/marketed as 100% fruit juices, to 31st December 2024.

This Advisory came into picture after acknowledging various representations that were received from the stakeholders regarding the extension of date for using all the existing pre-printed packaging materials.

FSSAI also clarified that all products that would be manufactured before 31st December 2024 would be allowed to be sold in the market until the end of their shelf-life, across all channels.

(16 AUGUST 2024)

## **Press Note released by FSSAI to Announce the Launch of Project to Address Microplastic Contamination in Indian Food**

Studies from all over the globe have highlighted the prevalence of microplastics in various foods which poses a serious threat to human health. In this regard, FSSAI has launched a project titled **“Micro-and Nano-Plastics as Emerging Food Contaminants: Establishing Validated Methodologies and Understanding the Prevalence in Different Food Matrices”** in order to understand the prevalence of microplastics and nanoplastics in Indian Food and to facilitate the formulation of effective regulations and standards with respect to various articles of food.

The project comes with the primary objectives of developing standard protocols for microplastic/nanoplastic analysis, conducting intra- and inter-laboratory comparisons and generating critical data on microplastic exposure levels among consumers.

FSSAI has undertaken this project in collaboration with CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (Lucknow), ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (Kochi), and the Birla Institute of Technology and Science (Pilani).

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## **FSSAI issues Advisory regarding Sensitization of Food Testing Laboratories**

The Advisory was passed keeping in purview the Food Testing Laboratories that are mapped on the FICS (Food Import Clearance System) Portal. FSSAI noticed and addressed the issue of inadvertent mistakes that are being made by the aforementioned Food Testing Laboratories while uploading test reports of the import samples on the FICS Portal which is leading to the creation of unnecessary obstacles in clearance of the import consignments. FSSAI has laid down certain guidelines for the Food Testing Laboratories to adhere to while uploading the test reports. FSSAI has directed that the sample shall be tested and the test reports shall be generated and uploaded within 5 days on FICS portal. All the entries of the report shall be verified before final submission on the FICS portal. The test result status shall also be verified with the test report uploaded on FICS portal of the relevant sample. Moreover, the correct reports with respect to the specific sample must be uploaded. The samples must be covered under the NABL scope and only the validated and accredited methods must be adopted for the testing of the samples. Test reports shall be uploaded in FORM-2 on FICS portal with NABL symbol and must be signed by a food analyst. In case of any delay in completion of testing of the import samples, the laboratory shall inform it to the Authorized Officer (21 AUGUST 2024)

## **FSSAI provides Clarification regarding Selling/Marketing of Milk & Milk Products such as Ghee, Milk, etc., in the name of A1 & A2**

FSSAI withdrew the advisory dated 21st August 2024 issued in regard with the selling/marketing of milk & milk products such as ghee, milk, etc., in the name of A1 & A2, in order to carry forward further consultation and engagement with the stakeholders.

The advisory dated 21st August that has been withdrawn now, focused upon the selling/marketing of milk & milk products such as ghee, milk, etc., in the name of A1 & A2 by FBOs. It was highlighted by FSSAI that the A1 & A2 differentiation is essentially linked to the difference in the structure of protein (beta casein). This directly highlights that the use of any A2 claims on the milk fat products is misleading and not in conformance with the Regulations. Moreover, FSSAI also highlighted that there is no differentiation of milk on the basis of A1 & A2 types in the Standards for milk in FSS (FPS & FA) Regulations, 2011. Therefore, the FBOs were instructed to remove any such claims from their products and websites and to exhaust the pre-printed packaging material within 6 months. However, with the Advisory dated 26th August 2024, the aforementioned stands revoked.

(26 AUGUST 2024)

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## **Draft Notification issued by FSSAI of FSS (FPS & FA) Amendment Regulations, 2024**

FSSAI has made amendments in the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, Appendix A, under the heading “IV. Use of Food Additives in Food Products”. The Food Authority has directed the insertion of food additive Natamycin (Only in chakka) in the food category Fermented milks (plain) not heat treated after fermentation (FCS 1.2.1.1) and Natamycin (Only in shrikhand) in the food category Dairy based desserts (FCS 1.7) along with the INS numbers and the Recommended Maximum Levels of the respective food additives.

The Authority also mentioned that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of the period of 60 days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this notification are made available to the public.

(27 AUGUST 2024)

## **44th CAC Meeting emphasizes the importance of strengthening food safety infrastructure and curbing pesticide use**

FSSAI held its 44th meeting of the Central Advisory Committee (CAC) under the chairmanship of CEO Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, on 22nd and 24th August 2024.

The meeting accentuated on the formation of an inter-ministerial committee to address concerns over pesticide usage. The meeting also observed proposals regarding the formation of inter-ministerial committee for each state, on lowering the use of pesticides, to implement control measures and to develop strategies that monitor the use of pesticides at the farm level, in order to ensure safe agricultural practices and to mitigate public health issues.

The esteemed CEO highlighted the importance and urgency to address food safety concerns, including filling of vacant posts in the Food Authority and upgradation of the food testing laboratories.

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## **Direction issued under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding re-operationalization of draft FSS (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose and Prebiotic and Probiotic Food) Regulations, 2022**

The Food Authority notified about the re-operationalization of the provisions specified in the direction [no. Std/SP-05/T(Nutraceutical-2022) (part-1)-(Part-1)] dated 05.06. 2024, regarding draft FSS (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose and Prebiotic and Probiotic Food) Regulations, 2022, with effect from 01.07.2024.

The reason behind the re-operationalization of this direction is the extra time that is being taken for the finalization of these draft regulations.

(30 AUGUST 2024)

## **Direction issued under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding re-operationalization of draft FSS (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2022 related to Labelling Requirements of non-retail container, minimally processed food, warning statement related to Pan masala etc.**

The Food Authority notified about the re-operationalization of the provisions specified in direction dated 05.06.2024 of draft FSS (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2022 related to Labelling Requirements of non-retail container, minimally processed food, warning statement related to Pan masala etc. , except the provisions relating to tolerance limit, with effect from 01.07.2024, as the notification of final amendment regulations is likely to take some more time

The final amendment regulations have been approved by FSSAI, except the provisions relating to tolerance limit, i.e. compliance to quantity of declared nutrients on the label with tolerance of  $\pm 20\%$ .

The final amendment regulations were approved by the Food Authority in its 43rd meeting and are still in the process of further approval for final notification.

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