

# NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

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## **FSSAI finalizes the conditions for the usage of the term “ORS” along with brand names**

FSSAI had previously permitted Food Business Operators (FBOs) with valid trademarks resembling 'ORS' product names to produce such items under their trademarked names until the Office of the Controller General of Patents Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) made a decision. Now, CGPDTM has issued guidance, granting FBOs the authorization to incorporate "ORS" alongside other prefixes or suffixes. However, FBOs must prominently declare on their packaging that the product is not an ORS formula as recommended by WHO and mention an additional disclaimer stating '*ORS is merely a brand name or trademark and does not represent its true nature*'. These declarations must meet specific font size requirements outlined by FSSAI. These directives will be enforced starting April 1, 2024.

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## **FSSAI directs time-bound processing of applications for licenses marked for inspections**

FSSAI has mandated pre-license inspections for the manufacturers of few Risk-based categories (Milk & Milk products, Meat & Meat products, Fish & Fish products, Fortified Rice Kernels, Slaughter Houses). For other categories, no pre-license inspections shall be conducted and licenses can be granted based on mandatory document submissions. However, if Designated Officers still deem it necessary to inspect categories not specified in the directive they must provide written justification for the same. Applications marked for inspection in non-mandatory categories must be inspected within 15 days; otherwise, they revert to the document scrutiny stage for license issuance.

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## **43rd meeting of the Food Authority approves amendments to streamline Food Safety and Standards Regulations**

FSSAI in its 43rd meeting has approved various amendments to streamline Food Safety and Standards Regulations.

Various amendments across different Food Safety and Standards Regulations were approved in the meeting to do away with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) or AGMARK certification for food products. After the amendments are finalized, food businesses would not have to go to different authorities for mandatory certification with only FSSAI certification being made mandatory for products.

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## **FSSAI certifies 500 Hospitals across the nation as 'Eat Right Campus'**

FSSAI has certified over 500 hospitals nationwide as "Eat Right Campuses". As a component of FSSAI's Eat Right India campaign, this project focuses on establishing safe, nutritious, and sustainable food environments across a variety of workplaces and institutions, including hospitals. This accomplishment represents a paradigm shift in the healthcare sector, emphasizing not just medical care but also the critical role that healthy food choices have in supporting the well-being of both staff and guests.

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## **FSSAI takes stride towards ensuring Food Safety in all Bhawans of States, UTs and Canteens of Government Offices in the National Capital**

FSSAI is providing training to food handlers at all State/UT Bhawans and canteens of government offices located in the National Capital as part of its endeavor to enhance the Food Safety Ecosystem nationwide through its Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) programme.

This initiative is in line with the announcement of "Training of 25 lakh food business operators by FSSAI in the next 3 years" made by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare on 7th June, 2023 on the occasion of World Food Safety Day. It will be a significant step towards fostering a safer and healthier food environment for the citizens of India.

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