

NEWSLETTER

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FSSAI introduces provision for Instant (Tatkal) license/registration for certain kinds of businesses (KoBs)

FSSAI introduces the provision of issuing instant license/registration for selected low-risk categories of food businesses through digital verification. The following KoBs are eligible for grant of instant license/registration, provided they are not involved in high risk food categories like milk, meat and fish.

- 1.Importer
- 2.Merchant-Exporter
- 3.Wholesaler
- 4.Distributor
- 5.Retailer
- 6.Transporter
- 7.Storage without Atmospheric Controller + Cold
- 8.Food Vending Agencies
- 9.Petty Retailer of snacks/tea shops
- 10.Hawker (Itinerant / Mobile food vendor)
- 11.Direct seller

(01 JULY 2024)

FSSAI introduces new Kind of Business (KoB) for 'Direct Sellers' under FoSCoS

Addressing the difference between conventional Retailers and Direct Sellers, FSSAI has introduced Trade/Retail-Direct Sellers KoB in FoSCoS. The same has also been enabled under 'Tatkal' scheme.

(16 JULY 2024)

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Re-operationalization of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2021

Since notification of final amended regulation is likely to take some time, FSSAI has decided to re-operationalize FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2021 w.e.f 11.05.2024 to ensure food safety and fair practices in food business operations.

(19 JULY 2024)

FSSAI directs omission of sub-regulation (4) of the regulation 7 of the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018.

Based on a report by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, FSSAI directs the omission of sub-regulation (4) of the regulation 7 of the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018 concerned with Iron fortified food, which states that Every package of food, fortified with Iron shall carry a statement *“People with Thalassaemia may take under medical supervision and persons with Sickle Cell Anaemia are advised not to consume iron fortified food products.”*

(19 JULY 2024)

FSSAI re-operationalizes standards of Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water)

FSSAI has decided to re-operationalize the provision for Total dissolved solids, Calcium and Magnesium with effect from 01.07.2024 to allow the FBOs to formulate Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water) as the final amendment of regulations has been approved by the Food Authority in its 42nd meeting and is in the process of final notification which is expected to take more time for publication in the Gazette of India.

(26 JULY 2024)

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India participates in the 86th session of the Executive Committee of Codex Alimentarius Commission

Shri G Kamala Vardhana Rao, CEO, FSSAI represented India in the 86th session of the Executive Committee of Codex Alimentarius Commission held at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Headquarters in Rome from July 1st to 5th, 2024.

During the session, India strongly supported the advancement of standards development for various spices, including small cardamom, turmeric, and vanilla. Since India is a major producer and exporter of these spices, such standards would facilitate smoother international trade for the country. Further, India also backed progression of standards for vegetable oils.

Additionally, topics such as guidelines for control of Shiga toxin producing *E. coli*, safe use and reuse of water in food processing, use of recycled materials in food packaging were among the major points of discussion.

(03 JULY 2024)

FSSAI approves proposal to display nutritional information labelling of total sugar, salt and saturated fat in bold letters and bigger font size in 44th meeting of Food Authority

With an aim to empower consumers to better understand the nutritional value of the product they are consuming and to combat rise of Non-Communicable Diseases and promote public health and well-being, the Food Authority in its 44th meeting has approved the amendment in the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020.

As per the decision, the information regarding per serve percentage (%) contribution to Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) would be given in bold letters for total sugar, total saturated fat and sodium content on the label of packaged food.

The draft notification for the said amendment would now be put in the public domain for inviting suggestions and objections.

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Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda reviews various initiatives taken up by FSSAI

Union minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri J. P. Nadda attended FSSAI review meeting on 15-07-2024. During his visit, he appreciated various initiatives taken by FSSAI.

Further, various significant initiatives were launched during the visit, including the release of the 'Manual on Methods of Analysis of Foods - Microbiological Examination of Food and Water,' a crucial reference for ensuring microbiological safety. Additionally, a 'Guide for Food Analysis - Opinion on Test Reports as per FSS Act, 2006, Rules, and Regulations made thereunder' was also launched.

To raise public awareness about food safety practices, 'Food Safety Bytes,' a series of engaging videos featuring social media influencers, was launched. Furthermore, a 'Manual for Food Safety Officers,' designed to support officers in effectively enforcing food safety regulations, was also unveiled by the health Minister.

(15 JULY 2024)

Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda chairs a Training and Awareness Program for 1,000 Street Food Vendors by FSSAI

Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda chaired a training and awareness program for 1,000 Street Food Vendors conducted by the FSSAI in Vigyan Bhawan. During the session, Shri Nadda directed FSSAI to waive off the registration fee of ₹100 for street food vendors to encourage vendors and promote more and more registrations. Further, he added the innovative 'Street Safe' Rapid Testing Kit should be provided to all vendors attending the Food Safety and Certification (FoSTaC) trainings to ensure that safe food is used by the street food vendors across the country.

Participants were educated on the Food Safety and Standards Act, particularly focusing on the guidelines set forth in Schedule 4 regarding the licensing and registration of food businesses. A dedicated portal for street food vendors to share success stories and access resources on food safety was inaugurated during the session.

This session marks a significant step in the FSSAI's ongoing efforts to enhance food safety across the nation as FSSAI's aim to train one lakh street food vendors in the next one year through its FoSTaC program across the country was also announced.

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