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FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS AUGUST ISSUE

Extension of time-period for compliance of provision of warning statement for 'Pan Masala'

Representations were received from association requesting for an extension of time-period, so as to exhaust the packaging material having the existing warning and arrange for new packaging material.

In this regard, FSSAI decided to further defer the enforcement of 'Note' i.e. "The warning statement must cover 50% of front-of-pack of the label" in Schedule-II of FSS (Labelling and Display) 2nd Amendment Regulations, 2022 till 1st November 2023.

(1 AUGUST 2023)

FSSAI notified Labs on mentioning of Shelf life of Fortified Rice (FR) and Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK)

FSSAI advised all the notified laboratories not to mention date of expiry or any information related to shelf life of FR and FRK until any further notice. This was released with reference to the information provided from Food Corporation of India (FCI), which stated that a study to determine shelf life of FR and FRK is under process and it may take more than 2 years to complete.

(2 AUGUST 2023)

FSSAI granted extension of timeline and revised fee for use of preprinted packaging material not complying with FSS (Labelling and Display), 2020

FSSAI has decided to grant a final One-time permission up to 31.12.2023 to the FBOs seeking permission to use such non-complying pre-printed packaging materials. Further, the revised fee for any FBO applying for permission to use the above said PPMs shall be Rs. 30,000 (central license) and Rs. 12,000. (state license). Previously enforced fee will be applicable for applications seeking permission to use pre-printed packaging material with change in address, company name, or license number.

(3 AUGUST 2023)

FSSAI released Standard Operating Procedure for obtaining the Endorsement of Vegan logo

The Food Authority stated that the FBOs shall apply for the endorsement of Vegan logo on FoSCoS portal upon approval of the application as per Form B of the Endorsement of Vegan Logo guidelines. FSSAI clarified that once the same has been updated on the license, the FBOs will be eligible to endorse it on their respective products.

(7 AUGUST 2023)

Gazette Notification of the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) First Amendment Regulations), 2023

FSSAI has notified Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) First Amendment Regulations), 2023 in the Gazette of India. They shall come into force on 1st March 2024. In this regulation, the Definitions of Malt or grain whisky will be substituted with Single Malt whiskey and Single grain whiskey. Furthermore, the Alcoholic beverage shall not contain any nutritional information on the label except energy content in kcal. Such declaration related to energy content shall be voluntary.

(24 AUGUST 2023)

Gazette Notification on the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules. 2023

The Enforcement of Unit Sale Price as per the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 is extended till the 1st day of October 2023.

(30 AUGUST 2023)

Ministry of Ayush clarifies on manufacturing products licensed under ASU and FSSAI in the same premise

The Drug Policy Section of Ministry of Ayush stated that ASU (Ayurveda, Sidhdha, and Unani) facilities can be utilised for manufacturing food products licensed under FSSAI provided, that the Manufacturing company should have due precautions to avoid cross contamination as per Schedule T of Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940.

(31 AUGUST 2023)