NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS
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Enforcement regarding compliance with the standards for Non-Carbonated Water Based Beverages (Non-alcoholic)

Regional Directors are directed to scrutinize all licenses granted for Non-Carbonated Water Based Beverages under Food category 14.1.4.2 and to review products and issue Improvement Notices to all the non-compliant FBOs. They are directed to rectify the product formulation/labelling for the points such as Limits for vitamins and minerals, standards prescribed for water, and mandatory ingredients specified.

Upated rate of testing fee

The Lab testing fee has been updated for the following categories including, Dairy Products, Fats &Oils, Fruit &Vegetable products, Cereal & Cereal products, Meat & Meat products, Fish & Fish products, Sweet & Confectionary, Sweetening agents, Salt, spices, condiments, Beverages, Proprietary foods, Nutraceuticals, and Organic foods.

(8 FEB' 23)

Validity of FSSAI recognised Food Testing Laboratories

Authority has published a list of FSSAIrecognised laboratories along with their validity and contact details for the purpose of carrying out the analysis of food samples taken under the FSS Act, 2006 and Rules and Regulations made there under.

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Modification of lab testing charges

Cereal & For Cereal Vitamin. **Products** & Mineral Premix fortified food, additional costs of Rs 2000 may be added when fortified with folic iron. acid. and Vitamin B12. Also, Rs 2000 may be added if such products are fortified with other micronutrients. Incase of microbiological testing of food grain products. additional charges of Rs 500 may be added for each pathogen for F&V Products and Cereal & Cereal Products.

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Reduction of the initial application fee for FSSAI License

In order to provide ease in obtaining FSSAI license, Authority has decided to reduce the initial application fee for License to Rs 1000/-plus GST. After the scrutinization by Licensing Authority and found to be in order in all respect, the differential amount of the License Fee, along with GST, shall be collected from the FBO prior grant of FSSAI License.

De-recognition and denotification of in-house testing laboratories of FBOs

Food Authority has initiated the process of de-notification for inhouse testing laboratories of any FBO, which FSSAI earlier notifies for various reasons. Accordingly, Authority has de-notified the inhouse lab of 'M/s ITC Foods Pvt Ltd' Agri-Business Division - ILTD, Spices Laboratory, Guntur' and 'Nutralytica Research Private Limited, Nashik'.

Extension of Requirement of Health Certificate to be accompanied with import of food consignments

After considering the representations from various countries and other stakeholders, Authority has decided to extend the date of implementation of the said order till further Order.

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Direction regarding keeping compliance of quality parameters in Bajra Flour, Jowar Flour, Multigrain flour, Mixed millet flour and re-operationalization of the revised 'Moisture content' Specification for Mixed miller flour.

Enforcement of parameters such as " Alcoholic acidity " for Bajra flour, Jowar Flour, Multigrain flour, and Mixed millet flour, and " Total dietary fibre' for Mixed millet flour is further extended for a period of 6 months. Also, the Maximum moisture content in mixed millet flour which was revised to 13 % is re-operationalized with effect from 27.01.2023.

Implementation of Traceability Application under Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) Initiative

In order to streamline the RUCO initiative and to promote ease of doing business, FSSAI has developed the RUCO Traceability Application. The application is designed to track the whole RUCO ecosystem, generate UCO disposal requests, enroll NFP units, recognize aggregators requested by NFP units, monitor transactions, and generate data and reports on real time basis. The Traceability Application will be made live from 1st March, 2023.

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FAQs related to vegan logo endorsement applications

Authority has released FAQs on Vegan application for logo endorsement. **FAOs** includes. eligibility of food product applicable, mode of application of vegan logo payment, endorsement and resubmission of application, vegan endorsement having multiple manufacturing units etc.

Guidelines for submission of applications for endorsement of vegan logo and its formats

FSSAI has decided to revise the guidelines for submission of applications for endorsement of Vegan Logo and formats in the Annexures A,B, C & D under FSS (Vegan Foods) Regulations, 2022.

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Direction regarding extension of FSS (Advertising & Claims) 2022, in case of Trademark, Brand name or Fancy names containing adjectives

Due to the representations received from the stakeholders requesting an extension of implementation of the sub regulation (7) of regulation (4) of FSS (Advertising &claims) 2022 2nd amendment regulations, and to ensure sustainable practices for food business operations Authority has decided to extend the enforcement for a period of 6 months.

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