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The Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 shows new direction for transforming the global food regulatory landscape

The Global Food Regulators Summit, inaugurated on 20th July, 2023 by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, brought together food regulators from around the world to exchange perspectives and knowledge on crucial issues related to food safety systems. Various initiatives including Food-o-Copoeia, a collection of food categorywise monographs and a single point reference for all applicable standards for a specific product; 'SaNGRAH' - Safe food for Nations: Global food Regulatory Authorities Handbook and a Common Digital Dashboard were launched during the inauguration ceremony.

(20 & 21 JULY 2023)

Referral food laboratories notified by FSSAI

It has been decided by the competent Authority that, the Appellate/ referral samples may be sent to any Referral Laboratory as per valid NABL scope of testing irrespective of their areas of jurisdiction. The list of 22 referral laboratories is listed along with their FSSAI Registration number for the convenience of the stakeholders.

Direction regarding abeyance of enforcement of provision related to labelling requirement for fermented milk products

The provision of amending regulations relating to the use of term 'Dahi' primarily in the nomenclature of the fermented milk products and optionally together with any other designation (prevalent regional common name) on the labels being reviewed by FSSAI due to the reception of several representations from the stakeholders. Therefore, the enforcement of clause 6(a) (i) of sub-regulation 2.1.13, as mentioned in the notification dated 11/01/2023 will be in abeyance until further notice.

(13 JULY 2023)

TIMELINE EXTENSION FOR COMPLIANCE/ ENFORCEMENT

- RDA 6 months from 1st July 2023
- FSS (Advertising and Claims) Second amendment regulations, 2022 6 months from 13th June 2023

Direction regarding extension of time-period for the compliance of RDA (2020)

The enforcement date of Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) 2020 for compliance has been extended for a period of 6 months from 1st July 2023 due to the representations received from industry associations owing to challenges faced in reformulation of products and exhausting inventory of old packaging materials lying with FBOs.

(11 JULY 2023)

Extension of timeline for FSSAI-NABL Integrated Assessment

The date for obtaining FSSAI-NABL Integrated Assessment by laboratories notified under Section 43(1) and 43 (2) of FSS Act,2006 is extended till 31st March 2024 or prior to the expiry of their NABL accreditation validity. FSSAI will only accept fresh proposals for FSSAI recognition and notification if they have already obtained FSSA-NABL Integrated Assessment.

(03 JULY 2023)

Enforcement of Advertisement and Claims Second Amendment Regulation

Direction under section 16(5) of FSSA, 2006 has been published stating that the date of enforcement of sub-regulation (7) of regulation 4 of the FSS (Advertising and Claims) Second amendment regulations, 2022 is extended by a period of six months from 13th June, 2023 after due consideration of the representations received from industry and also to ensure sustainable practices of food business operators.

(06 JULY 2023)

Revised FAQs-Vegan logo endorsements applications

The frequently asked questions (FAQs) on application for Vegan logo endorsement has been revised and published for a better understanding of the Food Business operators.

(04 JULY 2023)

Validity of FSSAI recognized Food Testing Laboratories

FSSAI has published the list of recognized laboratories along with their validity of NABL accreditation scope of testing along with their contact details. The recognition and validity of aforementioned laboratories shall be governed by the guidelines or orders issued by FSSAI from time to time.

(07 JULY 2023)

FSSAI Manual of Methods of Analysis of Foods

FSSAI has published Manuals of Method of analysis (MOA) of Foods – Fish and fish products and Tea, Coffee and Chicory which shall be used by the laboratories with immediate effect. The Manual of MOA for fish and fish products supersedes its test products under the Manual of Methods of Analysis of Foods-Meat and Meat Products & Fish and Fish Products issued vide Office Order dated 09/01/2017.

(18 JULY 2023)

Monitoring the sale of fresh Fruits and Vegetables in the Markets

The Authority has requested Commissioners of Food Safety of all States/ UTs to keep strict vigilance on the FBOs who are involved in the manufacturing/re packing fresh/surface-treated/minimally processed Fruits &Vegetables. In addition to above, awareness building measures through Information, Education, Communication (IEC) activities under Eat Right India Initiative may be conducted in the fruits and vegetable markets/ Mandi to educate the FBOs and consumers about the issues.

(26 JULY 2023)