

NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS
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The JAN VISHWAS (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023 as published in the Gazette of India

The Ministry of Law and Justice has published an Act to amend certain enactments for decriminalizing and rationalizing offenses to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business. Fines and penalties under the FSS Act, the Legal Metrology Act etc., shall be increased by ten percent of the minimum amount of fine or penalty after the expiry of every three years from the date of commencement of this Act. Sections 59 (i), 61, and 63 of the FSS Act of 2006 and Sections 25 and 27 of the Legal Metrology Act of 2009 have been amended as per the newly published act.

(11 AUGUST 2023)

FSSAI initiates prosecution against Food Business Operators (FBOs) found violating food safety laws

FSSAI has taken a stern action against FBOs found to be violating food safety laws. As per their records, 1,411 prosecution cases have been initiated against FBOs found violating the provisions of the FSS Act, 2006 since April 1, 2023. Different violations have been committed by these FBOs such as carrying out a food business without a valid license and manufacturing or selling unsafe food.

(14 SEPTEMBER 2023)

FSSAI introduces Hindi version of FoSCoS portal to enhance User Experience and Accessibility

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas on September 14th, 2023, FSSAI launched the Hindi version of FoSCoS portal. This step will help food businesses, entrepreneurs and stakeholders from diverse linguistic backgrounds seamlessly access and utilize its services fully. Also, in near future, the food authority is also planning to launch the portal in other regional languages to make it more user friendly for a wider audience.

(14 SEPTEMBER 2023)

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FSSAI streamlines the process for license application for Relabeller Kind of Business

Food Authority has advised licensing authorities not to raise any queries or seek information on manufacturer for products under “Relabeller” kind of businesses with valid online NoC (generated from FoSCoS) obtained from the licensed or registered manufacturers. Online NOCs will include this disclaimer to prevent ambiguity **"This NoC does not authorize the manufacturer to manufacture the food products unless the mentioned products are endorsed in the manufacturer's license"**. Further, Licensing authorities can determine the changes made in the previous submitted and modification application.

(18 SEPTEMBER 2023)

FSSAI releases direction for the standards of bajra Flour, Jowar Flour, Multigrain atta, Mixed millet flour, Mixed millet flour

The food authority has further extended the enforcement for ‘Alcoholic Acidity’ for bajra flour, jowar flour, multigrain atta, and mixed millet flour, and for ‘Total dietary fibre’ for mixed millet flour for a period of 6 months till December 31, 2023. Also, the provision for ‘Moisture content’ for mixed millet flour where maximum limit for moisture content was revised from 11 to 13%, was re-operationalized from July 27, 2023.

(25 SEPTEMBER 2023)

FSSAI releases direction for the re-operationalization of standards for Fortified Rice Kernel

A direction was released by the food authority stating that the draft amendment regulations for Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK), Vitamin-Mineral Premix, and rice flour for preparation of FRK are in the finalization process for publication in the Gazette of India which may take time to come in effect, and hence in the meanwhile, for the purpose of strengthening the National level fortification program, the provisions for the same are being re-operationalized for a period of 6 months from June 23, 2023, i.e., December 23, 2023 or until final notification of the draft regulations.

(25 SEPTEMBER 2023)

FSSAI release direction for the re-operationalization of the Standards for Crude Solvent Extracted Corn (Maize) Oil

A direction was released by FSSAI stating that the draft amendment regulations for “Crude Solvent Extracted Corn (Maize) Oil” are in the finalization process for publication in the Gazette of India which may take time to come into effect, and hence in the meanwhile, for the facilitation of import of crude corn (maize) oil, provisions for the same is being re-operationalized for a period of 6 months from June 20, 2023 i.e., December 23, 2023 or until final notification of the draft regulations.

(25 SEPTEMBER 2023)

FSSAI emphasises on compliance of safety and quality of edibles and raw materials ahead of festive season

In view of the approaching festive season, FSSAI organised a meeting on September 25, 2023, with Indian Sweets manufacturers to put emphasize on the compliance needed to be followed to ensure safety and quality of raw materials such as oil, milk and milk products viz, Khoa, paneer, Ghee, and food products such as sweets. The meeting was attended by more than 150 food manufacturers where they were sensitizing regarding the perishable high risk edibles to ensure safe food during festival.

(25 SEPTEMBER 2023)

FSSAI launches Special Category Provision for women and transgenders entrepreneurs

The food authority has introduced a new provision of ‘Special Category’ in the FoSCoS portal for promoting gender equality and equal opportunities for women and transgenders entrepreneurs and the system will identify them by their Aadhaar/PAN authentication.

(26 SEPTEMBER 2023)

Gazette Notification on the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendments) 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 January 2024.

(30 SEPTEMBER 2023)