

NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

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Revised list of FSSAI notified laboratories for testing of fortificants in Fortified Rice (FR), Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) and Vitamin-Mineral Premix for Fortified Rice Kernel.

FSSAI has issued an updated list of laboratories accredited for testing fortificants such as Iron, Vitamin B9, and Vitamin B12 in Fortified Rice (FR), Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK), and Vitamin-Mineral Premix for Fortified Rice Kernel. Annexure-1 includes laboratories for Fortified Rice (FR), Annexure-2 for Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK), and Annexure-3 for Vitamin-Mineral Premix. These laboratories are required to maintain valid accreditation, with recognition and validity governed by FSSAI guidelines. This order supersedes the previous directive dated December 18, 2024. The latest accreditation status can be verified on the NABL website.

(04 FEBRUARY, 2025)

Validity of FSSAI recognized Food Testing Laboratories.

FSSAI has released an updated list of NABL-accredited food testing laboratories, valid as of 6th February 2025, for conducting sample analysis under Section 47 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. This list includes laboratories authorized for carrying out tests on food samples as part of regulatory compliance and food safety monitoring.

The enclosed Annexure-1 provides the details of the approved laboratories along with their valid NABL accreditation status and contact information.

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Union MoS for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav Inaugurates First National Stakeholder Consultation by FSSAI on pesticide residues; advocates good agricultural practices & collaborative efforts.

FSSAI organized a National Stakeholder Consultation on Pesticide Residues in Food Commodities, inaugurated by Shri Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare. The consultation emphasized the need for a nationwide strategy to improve pesticide residue monitoring in food and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

Key discussions focused on strengthening monitoring systems, aligning India's Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) with international standards, and the importance of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs). Stakeholders, including government officials, scientists, and industry representatives, highlighted the need for collaborative efforts to address pesticide use challenges and safeguard public health.

The consultation also stressed the importance of farmer education, digital traceability, and promoting bio-pesticides and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce health risks and improve food safety.

(13 FEBRUARY, 2025)

Draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2025.

FSSAI has released a draft for amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020. The draft includes key changes, including a new clause in Regulation 5, which will require the percentage contribution to the RDA for added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium to be displayed in bold letters and a larger font. In Schedule I, all milk and milk products, including composite products, will be required to carry a specific logo for clear identification. Additionally, Schedule II, Para (2), Sub-para 2.2 (Coffee-Chicory Mixtures) mandates that declarations for these products be made in capital letters on the front of the package within a rectangular box on the principal display panel.

The draft is open for comments for sixty days from the date of the notification, allowing stakeholders the opportunity to provide input before the regulations are finalized.

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Draft Food Safety and Standards (Laboratory and Sample Analysis) Amendment Regulations, 2025.

FSSAI has released a draft for amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Laboratory and Sample Analysis) Regulations, 2011. The draft includes key changes, including the substitution of Clause 2 in Regulation 2.3.1, which shall require that after testing, reports must be signed and issued immediately by the Director or Food Analyst, as per the FSS Rules, 2011. For unspecified products, the quantity drawn will be in accordance with Food Authority guidelines. Additionally, two new regulations will be added: Regulation 2.5, outlining the Method of Analysis, requiring laboratories to use approved methods or internationally recognized alternatives, and Regulation 2.6, specifying that reports for regulatory and referral samples must be issued within fourteen days, with import samples due within five days. Any delays will require a written explanation with an updated timeline. Furthermore, Form A and Form B will be omitted from the regulations.

The draft is open for comments for sixty days from the date of the notification, allowing stakeholders the opportunity to provide input before the regulations are finalized.



(17 FEBRUARY, 2025)

Mandatory update of Form IX Nominee details by FBOs & auto-approval provision for Non-Form C modifications in FOSCOS.

FSSAI has issued a notification reminding Food Business Operators (FBOs) to update the nominee details in Form IX whenever changes occur. FBOs are also reminded to inform the authorities about any changes in their business, including modifications in product categories, layout, or any material changes, as well as any updates to the activities/content of their license, in accordance with the regulations.

It is further reiterated that failure to provide updated information may result in penalties under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

Effective from 12th February 2025, FOSCOS now allows FBOs to directly update Form IX details and make Non-Form C changes without requiring approval from the concerned authority, and without incurring any fees.

FSSAI urges all FBOs to ensure timely compliance with these requirements to avoid penalties.

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Adherence to NABL scope of accreditation for testing of referral samples.

FSSAI has released an order with respect to Clause 9.1(a) of the Food Safety and Standards (Recognition and Notification of Laboratories) Regulations, 2018, which mandates that food laboratories conduct tests within the approved premises and strictly adhere to the valid scope of recognition. In line with this, referral laboratories are required to comply with their NABL accreditation under ISO 17025 when testing referral samples. Testing must be confined to food products and parameters explicitly covered under the laboratory's NABL scope to ensure compliance with quality and regulatory standards.

Additionally, all FSSAI-notified referral laboratories are directed to perform tests only on the parameters specified by the Designated Officers (DOS) or Authorized Officers (AOs) in Form VIA.

ds Act, 2006.

(25 FEBRUARY, 2025)



Applications for Approval of Rapid Analytical Food Testing (RAFT) Kit/Equipment/Method by FSSAI.

FSSAI has updated the RAFT application process, superseding the notice dated 31.10.2023. Applicants should take note of the key requirements: They must submit complete and signed applications via the RAFT online portal. Only commercial manufacturers can apply—innovators, researchers, and institutes are excluded. If technology is transferred, the new manufacturer must revalidate the kit and apply again. International manufacturers can apply directly to FSSAI, but if applying through an importer/distributor, an authorization letter is required. Overseas manufacturers must apply through their Indian subsidiary; applications from other distributors will be rejected. Each submission must include justification and supporting documents, with separate applications for each kit. A processing fee of ₹2000 + GST is required, and renewal applications should be submitted 60 days before certificate expiry. For more details, visit the RAFT section on the FSSAI website.

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Special Festive Drive For Ensuring Food safety, Quality and Prevention of Adulteration.

FSSAI has announced the “Holi-Anti-Adulteration Drive 2025” to combat heightened adulteration activities during the festival season. This drive will focus on products such as milk, milk products, sweets, snacks, edible oils, cereals, and other food items. Enforcement officials may be asked to intensify vigilance in their respective jurisdictions, with Food Safety Officers and Food Safety on Wheels conducting inspections, sampling, and on-the-spot testing at key locations, including borders and major markets.

A consolidated report on the drive’s effectiveness will be submitted by 31.03.2025 for further evaluation and enforcement strengthening.

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