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NEWSLETTER

FSSAI & CDSCO (COSMETICS AND MEDICAL DEVICE) ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS, DIRECTIONS.



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Gazette Notification of NABL Accredited Laboratories under section 43(1) of FSS Act

The FSSAI has issued a notification amending its list of recognized and notified food testing laboratories under Section 43 of the FSS Act, 2006. The update includes addition of new laboratories across the Western, Southern, and Eastern regions (covering Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Bihar) with approved chemical and/or biological testing scopes, and omission of certain laboratories in Maharashtra.

Date of Notification: 28 January, 2026

Date of Implementation: Immediately Effective

Compliance to provisions of Food Safety and Standards (Recognition and Notification of the laboratories) Regulations 2018 by FSSAI recognized Laboratories-reg.

FSSAI has directed all FSSAI-notified laboratories to strictly comply with Regulation 9 of the Food Safety and Standards(Recognition and Notification of the laboratories) Regulations 2018.

Laboratories must promptly upload all test reports on the InFoLNet portal and maintain real-time updates of accreditation validity, contact details, PT/ILC participation, manpower (including Food Analysts), and analytical capacity. They are also required to adhere strictly to prescribed and validated test methods within their NABL-accredited scope and follow the mandated test report format without deviation.

Date of Notification: 12 February, 2026



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De-notification of “Procomm Laboratory, National Bulk Handling Corporation Private Limited, Navi Mumbai and National Commodities Management Services Limited - NCML Labs, Navi Mumbai”-reg

FSSAI has officially de-notified two food testing laboratories in Navi Mumbai Procomm Laboratory (National Bulk Handling Corporation Pvt. Ltd.) and National Commodities Management Services Ltd. (NCML Labs). This action follows the Gazette Notification dated 28 January 2026, under which their FSSAI recognition stands withdrawn. The order has been issued with the approval of the competent authority, and relevant authorities and portals have been informed for necessary updates.

Date of Notification: 18 February, 2026

Date of Implementation: Immediately Effective

FSSAI Organises First FoSTaC Training Programme for Street Food Vendors in East Delhi

FSSAI organised a large-scale FoSTaC training programme for approximately 550 street food vendors in East Delhi to strengthen food safety practices in the unorganised sector. The programme covered key aspects such as personal hygiene, hygienic food handling, safe water usage, waste management, and maintenance of clean vending environments through interactive technical sessions and practical demonstrations. The training aimed to enhance awareness of food safety requirements and encourage adoption of good hygiene practices among street food vendors.

Date of Notification: 23 February, 2026



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MEDICAL DEVICE: Draft Guidance document for Import of *In-vitro* diagnostic Medical device for stakeholders

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has issued a Draft Guidance Document on the Import of *In-Vitro* Diagnostic (IVD) Medical Devices, inviting stakeholder comments within 15 days of publication. The draft provides comprehensive clarity on regulatory requirements under the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 for import licence applications.

The guidance outlines scope, licensing authority details, and mandatory use of online portals for submissions. It explains IVD classification and risk categories, and covers application types including Test (MD-16), Fresh, Endorsement, and Retention. Detailed checklists and documentation requirements for MD-14 (Import Licence) and MD-16 (Test Licence) are included.

Date of Notification: 02 February, 2026

Last date for Comments: Within 15 days of Publication

MEDICAL DEVICE: Metrological and technical requirements for Continuous Clinical Electrical Thermometers

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs) has notified the Legal Metrology (General) Second Amendment Rules, 2026, introducing specific metrological and technical requirements for Continuous Clinical Electrical Thermometers under the Legal Metrology framework.

The amendment applies to continuous clinical electrical thermometers intended for monitoring human or animal body temperature. It mandates a measuring range of 35.5°C to 42.0°C and prescribes maximum permissible error limits of $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$ for the complete thermometer and $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ for the indicating unit and interchangeable probe. The rules also define reference testing conditions, including parameters such as ambient temperature, humidity, and voltage variation. The notification further requires specific marking and labelling compliance, along with compulsory type approval and verification prior to market use.

Date of Notification: 11 February, 2026

Date of Implementation: Immediately Effective



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

To safeguard public health during the Holi festive season, FSSAI has launched a “Holi – Anti-Adulteration Drive 2026” across the country. With increased demand for milk and milk products, sweets, snacks and savouries, edible oils, ghee, and cereal-based foods, enforcement agencies have been directed to intensify inspections and sampling, particularly in identified hotspots and sensitive locations.

The drive also emphasizes strategic deployment of Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs) for on-the-spot testing and consumer awareness. All inspection, sampling, and action-taken details must be mandatorily updated on FoSCoS/FoSCoRIS by 31 March 2026. This initiative aims to curb adulteration, ensure food quality, and strengthen consumer confidence during the festive period.

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