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# NEWSLETTER

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



## ABOUT US

Move Ahead is a trusted regulatory compliance partner with over a decade of expertise in delivering strategic, end-to-end solutions across the Food, Nutraceuticals, Cosmetics, and Medical Devices sectors. With a strong focus on precision, efficiency, and industry insight, we enable businesses to seamlessly navigate complex regulatory landscapes.

From import assistance to customs clearance support, Move Ahead offers integrated solutions designed to accelerate approvals and build compliance confidence empowering brands to enter and expand in the market with clarity and assurance. We help organizations simplify and accelerate market entry through comprehensive services, streamline business operations, and ensure adherence to applicable laws and regulatory requirements.

### THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS

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<b>TOTAL UPDATES</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>ORDER/ DIRECTIONS</b>	<b>5</b>
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## Corrigenda for the Gazette Notification of Food Safety Officer for the Airport and Seaport under Sub-Section 5 of Section 10 read with Section 37 of FSS Act

FSSAI has issued a corrigendum to its earlier notification appointing officers of the Directorate General of Health Services as Food Safety Officers. The correction relates to Serial No. 42, where the port name has been amended. The entry earlier mentioned as “Kolkata port” has been corrected to “Kandla port.”

**Date of Notification:** 29 December, 2025

**Date of Implementation:** Immediately Effective

## Decision taken in 48th Food Authority meeting related to ‘Policy regarding timeline for the compliance of FSS Regulation.’

FSSAI has issued an Office Order formalising the policy decision taken in the 48th Food Authority Meeting on timelines for compliance with amendments under FSS Regulations. All amendments related to the FSS (Labelling and Display) Regulations, as well as labelling changes under other FSS Regulations, will be enforced only on 1st July, subject to a minimum transition period of 365 days from the date of notification.

The order further clarifies that emergency cases may be implemented on a case-by-case basis and supersedes the earlier order dated 3rd January 2025.

**Date of Notification:** 06 January, 2026

**Date of Implementation:** 1st July of every year (365 days from the date of publication)



## **Draft FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2026 relating to Maintain daily records of production and storage of raw materials, ingredients, work-in-progress and processed / cooked or packaged food products**

FSSAI has issued a revised draft notification proposing amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011, superseding the draft dated 20 January 2026. The draft has been released for public consultation, and feedback received will be considered before finalisation.

The proposed amendments require manufacturing FBOs to maintain daily production and raw material utilisation records, while non-manufacturing FBOs are exempt. It also mandates FIFO/FEFO storage practices for raw materials, work-in-progress, and finished products, with an exemption for retailers.

**Date of Notification:** 23 January, 2026

**Date of Implementation:** 22 February, 2026

## **Direction under Section 16(5) of FSS Act, 2006 regarding enforcement of the new standards for Meat Sausages notified under FSS (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) First Amendment Regulations, 2025**

FSSAI has issued a direction extending the compliance timeline for the new standards for Meat Sausages notified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) First Amendment Regulations, 2025. The standards were originally notified with compliance effective from 1 February 2026.

Following representations from the meat industry citing technical and practical challenges in implementing the new requirements, FSSAI has decided to grant an additional three-month extension for compliance. The decision has been taken under the powers conferred by Section 16(5) of the FSS Act, 2006.

**Date of Notification:** 30 January, 2026

**Date of Implementation:** 01 May, 2026



## **COSMETICS: Guidelines on Compounding of Offences under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 as per Drugs and Cosmetics (Compounding of Offences) Rules, 2025**

The Drugs and Cosmetics (Compounding of Offences) Rules, 2025, establish a formal framework for compounding specified offences under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. Introduced under Section 32B, the rules aim to promote a compliance-oriented regulatory approach by addressing minor and technical contraventions while reducing judicial burden.

The CDSCO has issued detailed guidance outlining applicability, key definitions, application procedures, and the roles of concerned authorities. Applications may be submitted before or after initiation of prosecution and are evaluated based on reports from jurisdictional authorities. Upon satisfaction, the Compounding Authority may permit compounding, prescribe a compounding amount, and grant conditional immunity from prosecution. Such immunity remains subject to compliance and may be withdrawn in cases of non-payment, misrepresentation, or concealment of material facts.

**Date of Notification:** 01 January, 2026

## **MEDICAL DEVICES: Legal Metrology Requirements for Non-Invasive Non-Automated Sphygmomanometer**

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has notified the Legal Metrology (General) Amendment Rules, 2026, inserting Part VII-A to regulate non-invasive, non-automated sphygmomanometers used for measuring blood pressure. The amendment lays down mandatory metrological, technical, mechanical, and safety requirements to ensure reliability and uniformity. It specifies permitted units of measurement, accuracy standards, and maximum permissible errors. The rules also establish requirements for model approval, verification, and testing before use in trade or practice, and mandate appropriate markings and declarations on the device and its accessories in accordance with legal metrology provisions.

**Date of Notification:** 07 January, 2026

**Date of Implementation:** Immediately Effective



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## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

*FSSAI has launched a Comprehensive Online Training Programme on Food Safety Risk Assessment, along with a dedicated digital training portal, in collaboration with WHO. This first-of-its-kind pilot programme offers a structured curriculum from basic to advanced levels, aligned with international risk analysis principles and tailored to India's regulatory needs.*

*The programme covers key areas including Dietary Exposure Assessment (with WHO/JECFA/JEMRA/JMPR expertise), Microbiological Risk Assessment, Antimicrobial Resistance, and Toxicology, combining conceptual learning with case studies and data interpretation. Initially targeted at young and mid-level officers at FSSAI HQ, it will later expand to regional offices, state food authorities, and technical institutions. The digital portal will serve as a long-term platform for continuous capacity building, reinforcing science-based regulation and consumer confidence.*

