

# NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS  
**JULY ISSUE**

## **CEO, FSSAI Reviews Food safety Enforcement Activities in Maharashtra.**

FSSAI CEO Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao chaired a review meeting in Mumbai, directing 100% inspection and bi-annual compliance checks of all Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) units in Maharashtra.

He emphasized strict enforcement, better hygiene among street vendors under the Eat Right India movement, and the rollout of Mobile Food Testing Vans. The CEO praised Maharashtra FDA's efforts, including FoSTaC training, and supported the PM's "Reduce Oil by 10%" initiative. The meeting included key state and central officials and marked the appointment of 194 new Food Safety Officers.

"Eat Right Place of Worship" certification was awarded to Swamy Samarth Trust and Shirdi Sai Baba Temple for maintaining hygiene standard.

(28 JUNE, 2025)

## **Grant of Income Tax Exemption under section 10(46A) of Income Tax Act, 1961 to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).**

FSSAI has been granted income tax exemption under Section 10(46A) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, as per Notification No. S.O.2829(E), dated 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

This exemption covers the grants received from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Statutory receipts such as license fees, registration fees and fees for analysis/testing under the FSS Act, 2006. It also covers penalties as per the provisions of Food Safety Act, 2006 (No.34 of 2006) and the income generated from the above sources.

Also the banks have been advised that TDS shall not be deducted on FSSAI's fixed deposits covered under this exemption.

(30 JUNE, 2025)

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## **Validity order of FSSAI notified Food Testing Laboratories.**

FSSAI released a list of laboratories recognized by the Authority along with the validity of their NABL accreditation as on 01 July,2025. The list also mentions the contact information for the purpose of carrying out analysis of food samples taken under Section 47 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

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

(1 JULY, 2025)



## **FSSAI Reinforces Stringent Food Safety Norms for E-commerce Platforms across India.**

FSSAI recently held a crucial meeting with over 70 representatives from major e-commerce platforms, emphasizing the importance of food safety in the growing online marketplace. E-commerce platforms selling food must now display their FSSAI license or registration numbers and promote the Food Safety Connect App on all consumer documents, such as receipts and invoices.

They are also required to disclose complete warehouse details with regular photographic updates and maintain strict hygiene standards. Consideration is being given to directly displaying expiry dates on consumer interfaces. Mandatory FoSTaC training for all food handlers, including e-commerce staff, is now required, with training plans to be shared with FSSAI. Additionally, all warehouses must hold valid FSSAI registration or licenses, and platforms must comply fully with SOPs and food safety regulations while sharing operational data with the Authority.

(8 JULY, 2025)

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## **Gazette Notification regarding standards for Refractive Index range for Palm Oil, Palmolein, Palm kernal oil and Palm Superolein ; Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) ; Food Colours ; Appendix A and Appendix C.**

FSSAI has notified the FSS (FPS&FA) First Amendment Regulations, 2025, amending specific provisions of the 2011 regulations. These regulations will come into force from 1st February 2026.

Key changes include revised refractive index standards for edible oils and the inclusion of meat sausages as a newly regulated category. A new standard has been introduced for dehydrated tarragon, and the requirements for packaged drinking water have been updated. Changes in food colour regulations involve removing certain impurity requirements for different food colours along with revising the rules for synthetic food colour mixtures. The use of steviol glycosides has been restricted in ready-to-drink products. Updates for processing aids include modified limits for hydrogen peroxide and the addition of several new enzymes, including those produced using genetically modified microorganisms.



(10 JULY, 2025)

## **Scrutiny of Annual Returns submitted by FBOs by Concerned Licensing Authorities.**

FSSAI has mandated that all Licensing Authorities must scrutinize the Annual Returns submitted by eligible FBOs under their respective jurisdictions. In case of detection of any discrepancies, inconsistencies, or false declarations upon scrutiny, necessary actions shall be initiated as per the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and applicable regulations.

Further, FSSAI allows FBOs to revise Annual Returns on FoSCoS as per order dated 8 January 2024 to correct errors. Accurate submission is mandatory, and false information may lead to penalty under Section 61 of the FSS Act.

FBOs should use the update facility within the set timeline and fees.

(11 JULY, 2025)

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## **Copper limits in Hops pellets.**

FSSAI has issued that the order dated 28th October 2022 on copper limits in Hops Pellets is withdrawn. Now, imported Hops Pellets must comply with the copper limit of 30 mg/kg as per the “Foods not specified” category under the Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011.

This has been approved by the Competent Authority.

(14 JULY, 2025)



## **FSSAI CEO Calls for Regular Sampling, Swift Action on Adulterated Foods in Rajasthan.**

FSSAI issued a press note following a State Review Meeting in Jaipur, where CEO Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao stressed regular sampling of key foods and swift resolution of adulteration cases.

The CEO highlighted the need to strengthen the Bikaner Food Safety Laboratory and assured support for its establishment, praised Rajasthan’s proactive food safety measures, and called for continuous monitoring and enforcement. Officials were urged to fill vacant Food Safety Officer posts quickly and to adjudicate cases within 90 days, in line with the FSS Act. The meeting also covered plans for food safety campaigns during the festive season and concluded with a commitment by central and state authorities to boost collaboration and enforcement across Rajasthan.

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## **India's Millet Standard Gains Recognition at 88th Codex Executive Committee Meet in Rome.**

FSSAI has highlighted India's major achievements at the 88th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Executive Committee held in July 2025 in Rome. India's leadership in developing a group standard for whole millet grains was recognized, as well as its ongoing work chairing this initiative alongside Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal.

India also received endorsement for its leadership in new standards for fresh dates and will co-chair new standard development for fresh turmeric and broccoli. India played a key role in developing SMART KPIs for the Codex Strategic Plan 2026–2031 and shared its capacity-building work with neighboring countries, and continues to chair the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs. Additionally, India promoted efficient use of the Codex Trust Fund by mentoring other nations.



(18 JULY, 2025)

## **FSSAI CEO Emphasizes 100% Inspection of Packaged Drinking Water Units in Hyderabad and Urges Enhanced Food Safety Measures.**

FSSAI CEO Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, chaired a review meeting in Hyderabad, emphasizing the urgent need for 100% inspection of Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) units and rigorous checks on water treatment plants to strengthen food safety in Telangana.

Officials were directed to increase sample collection, conduct risk-based inspections, and take swift action against food adulteration. CEO underscored resolving food safety cases within 90 days as mandated by the FSS Act, 2006. To support rapid on-ground testing, it was announced that RAFT kits to be provided to all FSOs and mobile food testing labs will be deployed more frequently to improve real-time monitoring and field-level surveillance.

The CEO also urged fast-tracking the establishment of the Food Safety Laboratory in Hyderabad with full FSSAI support to enhance the state's food testing capacity.

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## **Extension of enrolment of Non Food Production (NFP) units for collection of used cooking oil from Food Business Operator.**

FSSAI has issued an official notification regarding the extension of provisional enrolment for 63 Non-Food Production (NFP) Units engaged in the collection of Used Cooking Oil (UCO) from Food Business Operators until July 31, 2026, pending state-level registration implementation. These units must adhere to all applicable FSSAI SOPs and guidelines.

FSSAI reserves the right to cancel enrolment in case of non-compliance or submission of false information, based on inspection findings.

(24 JULY, 2025)



## **Ayurveda Aahara covered under the Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022.**

FSSAI has provided Ayurveda Aahara covered under category A under the Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022 for facilitating Food Business Operator for manufacturing of Ayurveda Aahara.

This is in reference to the Note (1) under Schedule B of the FSS (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022 which specifies that the Authority may provide a list of Ayurveda Aahara covered under category A from time to time.

Further, in case of Ayurveda Aahara products falling under Category A, but not mentioned in the list, the FBO shall request the Food Authority for its inclusion by submitting relevant literature from Authoritative text listed under Schedule A books. Thus, any changes happening from time to time will be notified separately. Any queries/concern may be forwarded to the Authority via E-mail.

(25 JULY, 2025)

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## **Display of Food Safety Connect App QR Code at Food Premises .**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) now requires all Food Business Operators (FBOs), such as restaurants and cafes, to prominently display their FSSAI License or Registration document featuring a QR code for the Food Safety Connect mobile app in areas visible to customers and, where possible, on their digital platforms.

This QR code lets consumers access the app, which allows them to report food safety issues, lodge complaints, access information about FBOs, and receive food safety alerts. Complaints made through the app are sent directly to authorities for faster resolution.

(25 JULY, 2025)



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