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



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THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS

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India Strengthens Global Leadership at the 49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC49)

India recorded significant achievements at the 49th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission held in Geneva from 6 -10th July 2026, reinforcing its leadership in the development of global food standards. The Commission adopted seven India- led Codex texts, including standards for Dried Coriander Seeds and Fresh Curry Leaves, Vanilla and Large Cardamom, along with guidelines on water reuse, poultry food safety and food labelling. It also approved India's proposal to develop a new Codex standard of Cashew Kernels.

Additionally, India was elected Co-Chair of the Electronic Working Group on New Food Sources and Production Systems (NFPS), reinforcing India's role in advancing global food safety and international trade

Date of Notification: 14th July 2026

FSSAI Northern Regional Office strengthens stakeholder engagement to promote compliance and ease of doing business

The FSSAI Northern Regional Office organized a stakeholder engagement session with Food Business Operators (FBOs) in Shimla to strengthen regulatory compliance and promote ease of doing business. The interactive conference addressed key issues related to licensing, product approvals, proprietary foods, import procedures and the FoSCoS portal, while providing guidance on regulatory requirements and documentation. Queries regarding license renewals and the FoSCoS portal were also addressed during the session.

FSSAI reaffirmed its commitment to supporting compliant food businesses, announced that similar stakeholder interaction sessions will be conducted on a quarterly basis, and encouraged FBOs to actively engage with the Authority to enhance food safety compliance and build a stronger food safety ecosystem.

Date of Notification: 14th July 2026



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

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a Gazette notification under Section 43 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, amending the list of FSSAI-recognized NABL- accredited food testing laboratories. The notification updates the list of recognized laboratories network by revising existing entries and recognizing laboratories across the Northern, Western, and Southern regions.

Under this amendment, FSSAI has recognized new food testing laboratories in Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. The recognized laboratories have been authorized to carry out chemical, biological and radiological analysis of food samples in accordance with their NABL-accredited scope

Date of Notification: 17th July 2026

Date of Implementation: Effective Immediately

Technical specifications of High End Equipment (HEE) –LC-HRMS– reg.

FSSAI has finalized the suggestive technical specifications for High End Equipment (HEE) – LC-HRMS, which are provided in Annexure-I. These specifications are indicative only and should not be treated as standard tender requirements or mandatory procurement conditions. Procuring agencies are responsible for assessing their own operational needs, modifying the specifications as necessary, and ensuring that procurement remains fair and non-discriminatory toward any manufacturer, technology, supplier, or country of origin. Agencies may also establish a Technical Committee (TEC) or consult subject matter experts to finalize tender specifications. FSSAI is not responsible for any procurement or contractual issues arising from purchases made by other agencies.

Date of Notification: 17th July 2026



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Appointment of FSSAI Designated Officer for Central Licensing of Southern Region under Section 36 of FSS Act, 2006

FSSAI has appointed a new Designated Officer for Central Licensing in the Southern Region under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The jurisdiction covers Kerala and Lakshadweep, and the officer will handle the functions of the Central Licensing Authority under the relevant licensing regulations.

Date of Notification: 21st July 2026

Direction regarding labelling requirements for Coffee-Chicory mixture under the FSS (Labelling and Display) First Amendment Regulation, 2025

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a direction regarding the front-of-pack labelling requirements for Coffee-Chicory mixtures under the FSS (Labelling and Display) First Amendment Regulation, 2025

Having regard to the representations received by industry, especially in connection with the packs where the area of the Principal Display Panel (PDP) is less than 100 cm², the said mandatory boxed declaration, which was notified earlier, shall be kept in abeyance until such time as an amendment is officially notified. Till that time, FBO shall declare "percentage of Coffee and Chicory" (e.g., "COFFEE %, CHICORY %") on the front of the pack in the prescribed font size.

Date of Notification: 21st July 2026

Date of Implementation: 1st July 2027



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Northern Regional Office (NRO) conducted an enforcement operation in South-West Delhi, uncovering fraudulent re-labelling of food products and unauthorized storage of food and non-food items. The action was initiated based on intelligence inputs indicating the systematic removal of original labels and replacement with altered product information.

During the inspection, Central Food Safety Officers (CFSOs) found several food products allegedly bearing forged manufacturing dates, expiry dates, batch numbers, and other manipulated label details. The team also recovered stamps, chemical solvents, and printing machinery allegedly used for counterfeiting product labels. More than 50,000 compromised food packs were seized, and an FIR was registered against the Food Business Operator for fraudulent practices and criminal tampering.

Reaffirming its zero-tolerance policy towards food adulteration, misbranding, and fraudulent practices, FSSAI stated that strict legal action will be taken under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The Authority also urged consumers to report counterfeit brands or suspicious food products through the Food Safety Connect mobile application or the FoSCoS Grievance Redressal Platform, reinforcing its commitment to safeguarding public health and ensuring compliance with food safety regulations.

3rd July 2026

