

# NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

## JUNE ISSUE

### **Gazette Notification of Referral Food Laboratory under section 43(2) of FSS Act.**

FSSAI has amended notification number S.O. 97(E) dated 10th January 2017, issued under sub-section (2) of Section 43 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) on 12th January 2017.

Through this amendment, FSSAI notifies laboratories to carry out the functions of referral food laboratories across India, as per their valid scope of accreditation. TABLE-1 and TABLE-2 of the original notification are substituted with a new table that includes the name and address of the referral food laboratories along with their registration numbers.

(29 MAY, 2025)

### **Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2025 relating to Cheese powder etc.**

FSSAI has issued a draft amendment to the Food Products Standards and Food Additives Regulations, 2011, proposing key revisions across multiple categories. These include the introduction of standards for cheese powder and an updated definition of “animal” under meat and meat products, along with a revision in the fatty acid composition of ghee. The amendment also withdraws the provision allowing addition of vitamins at 100% RDA in caffeinated beverages. Revisions have been made to the standards for packaged drinking water and mineral water. Additionally, the existing clause “No additives permitted in Atta” has been expanded to include rice flour, millet flour, and mixed millet flour. The use of sucrose esters of fatty acids has also been approved under FSSR category 12.6.3, covering mixes for sauces and gravies.

Objections or suggestions may be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, FSSAI, within sixty days from the date of publication in the Gazette.

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

FSSAI has released a revised list of approved laboratories 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 for FRK.

Laboratories shall only accept samples if they hold a valid accreditation. The accreditation status can be verified on the NABL website prior to sending the samples. This updated list supersedes the previous order dated 18.03.2025.



(06 JUNE, 2025)

## **Extension of validity of the NOC for the Alcoholic Beverages Bottled in Origin & in Bulk.**

FSSAI, in exercise of powers under Regulation 14(2) of the FSS (Import) Regulations, 2017, has revised the validity of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for alcoholic beverages (bottled in origin or in bulk) containing more than 10% alcohol and having no expiry date. The NOC shall now be valid for 365 days from the date of issue.

For consignments lying at port customs beyond this period, revalidation may be granted through visual inspection upon payment of the applicable fee.

This move aims to ease business operations while upholding food safety standards and supersedes all previous directions on the matter.

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## **Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) First Amendment Regulations, 2025, relating to related to standards of Mead (Honey wine), Craft Beer, Indian liquors and definition of Low Alcoholic Beverages/ RTD, Wine based Beverages and, Country Liquors etc.**

FSSAI has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) First Amendment Regulations, 2025, which will come into effect from 1st January 2026. The notification follows the release of the draft regulations in May 2023 and subsequent consideration of public feedback.

The key amendments include the addition of definitions for alcoholic ready-to-drink beverages, honey wine or mead, and nitro craft beer; substitution of the definition of country liquors and their types, including plain and blended variants; substitution of the heading “Wine from fruits other than grapes” with “Fruit Wine (other than grape wine) along with Honey wine”; revisions to Table 1, 2, 3 and 4; and insertion of Annexure-1 after Table 4, comprising Table I: List of Indian Liquors (Distilled Liquor), Table II: List of Indian Liquor (Undistilled Liquor), and Table III: List of Indian Liquor (Ready to Drink Alcoholic Beverage).

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## **Roll out of "Single Sign On" to FICS, feature to the Customs Officers at Kakinada port (Port Code: INKAKI) and Talegaon (Port Code: INTLGG6).**

FSSAI, in collaboration with CBIC, is integrating all non-FSSAI manned Points of Entry (PoEs) with its Food Import Clearance System (FICS) and Customs ICE-GATE to digitize and streamline food import clearances.

FSSAI regulates the quality and safety of both domestic and imported food. Currently, food imports in India are allowed through 162 PoEs—FSSAI officials are posted at 78, while Customs officials, notified as Authorised Officers, operate at the remaining 84. FICS, integrated with ICE-GATE under SWIFT, is used at FSSAI-manned PoEs, while manual processes are still followed at the others.

For the pilot rollout of the 'Single Sign-On', implementation will be carried out at two PoEs: Kakinada Port (INKAK1) in the Southern Region and Talegaon Port (INTLGG6) in the Western Region. The system will be extended to the remaining 82 PoEs following successful completion of this pilot.

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