

NEWSLETTER

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



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THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL UPDATES	11
ORDER/ DIRECTIONS	6
PRESS RELEASE	1
GAZZETTE	1
AMENDMENTS	3



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Final FSS (Vegan Foods) amendment Regulations, 2026 relating to specification of vegan logo

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Vegan Foods) Amendment Regulations, 2026.

The amendment specifies detailed requirements for the vegan logo, including its design, dimensions, and overall presentation, to ensure uniformity and consistency across the industry. While the requirement to display the vegan logo on approved products was already in place, this amendment further clarifies the exact specifications and dimensional parameters for its standardized implementation.

Date of Notification: 21st May 2026

Date of Implementation: 1st July 2027

Final FSS (Prohibition and Restrictions on sales) amendment Regulations, 2026 relating to omission of provision of restriction on salseed fat

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2026. Earlier, the regulations restricted the sale of sal-seed fat, permitting it to be sold only for use in bakery and confectionery products, subject to specific refining and labelling requirements.

Through this amendment, FSSAI has removed this restriction on sale by omitting the relevant clause. As a result, the earlier limitation governing the sale of sal-seed fat no longer applies. Food business operators should review this change to understand its impact on product usage and compliance.

Date of Notification: 23rd May 2026

Date of Implementation: Effective Immediately



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Validity of FSSAI recognised Food Testing Laboratories

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has updated the list of FSSAI-recognised food testing laboratories, along with the validity of their NABL accreditation as on 5 June 2026. The list includes laboratory contact details and accreditation validity for chemical, biological, radiological, and other testing parameters.

Date of Notification: 5th June 2026

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

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified an amendment to the list of FSSAI-recognised food testing laboratories under Section 43 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The notification updates the list of recognised laboratories by adding new laboratories and revising existing entries across the Northern, Western, and Southern regions.

Under this amendment, FSSAI has recognised new food testing laboratories in Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Kerala, while revising the particulars of specified laboratories in Gujarat and Maharashtra. The recognised laboratories have been authorised to undertake chemical and biological analysis of food samples in accordance with the scope of accreditation specified in the notification.

Date of Notification: 10th June 2026

Date of Implementation: Effective Immediately



Immediate discontinuation of use of metallic pins/wires in food products and packaging materials.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued an advisory directing the immediate discontinuation of the use of metallic pins and wires in food products and packaging materials. This follows instances where such materials were found embedded in food items and packaging, posing a serious food safety risk to consumers.

Food Business Operators (FBOs) are required to immediately stop the use of metallic or staple pins for sealing, fastening, or securing food items and packages. This includes their use in decorative cakes and bakery products, cake boxes and sweet boxes, snack pouches and food packets, takeaway food parcels, and any other food packaging where pins or wires are used for fastening.

FSSAI has emphasized that the continued use of such materials may lead to serious safety hazards, and any non-compliance with this advisory may attract regulatory action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and applicable regulations.

Date of Notification: 12th June 2026

Date of Implementation: Effective Immediately

Withdrawal of Method for determination of fruit content in fruit juices

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has withdrawn the prescribed method for determination of fruit content in fruit juices (Method No. 2.11) under the Manual of Methods of Analysis of Foods – Fruit and Vegetable Products.

Until a revised method is notified, FSSAI has directed food testing laboratories to adopt validated and internationally recognized methods of analysis, including those prescribed by AOAC, ISO, Codex, or other recognized standards. This interim measure ensures continuity in testing while aligning with globally accepted analytical practices. All FSSAI-notified laboratories are required to comply with this order, which is effective immediately.

Date of Notification: 12th June 2026

Date of Implementation: Effective Immediately



Use of food-grade and corrosion-resistant knives, blades and other cutting equipment by food businesses

FSSAI has issued an advisory reinforcing compliance with hygienic and sanitary requirements under Schedule 4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011. This follows observations that it has come to the notice of FSSAI that certain food businesses are using rusted, corroded, chipped, painted, damaged, or otherwise unsuitable knives, blades, and cutting equipment during food handling and processing operations, which may lead to contamination.

FSSAI has directed FBOs to ensure that only food-grade, corrosion-resistant equipment is used and that such equipment is maintained in a clean, hygienic, and defect-free condition. Additionally, any damaged or unsuitable equipment must be removed from use and replaced, and appropriate cleaning, sanitisation, and sterilisation practices should be followed at regular intervals to prevent contamination.

Date of Notification: 15th June 2026

In continuation to Order dated 25 July 2025, Part -2 Ayurveda Aahara Recipes

In continuation of the Advisory dated 25 July 2025, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has released Part 2 of the Compendium of Ayurveda Aahara Recipes, further expanding its repository of traditional Ayurvedic food preparations.

The compendium includes a wide range of recipes, such as Paka (cooked vegetables), Peya (rice gruels), Rasala (curd preparations), and Shaktava (Saktu-based preparations), along with their traditional references, ingredients, methods of preparation, properties, and intended benefits.

Date of Notification: 19th June 2026

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Gazette Notification relating to Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulation, 2011

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Second Amendment Regulations, 2026. The amendment revises Schedule 2 by requiring manufacturing Food Business Operators (FBOs) to maintain separate daily records of production and raw material usage, while clarifying that this requirement does not apply to non-manufacturing food businesses.

Additionally, the amendment updates Schedule 4 by reinforcing that the storage of raw materials, ingredients, in-process materials, and processed or packaged food products must follow the First In, First Out (FIFO) and First Expiry, First Out (FEFO) principles. This requirement has been clarified as not applicable to retail vendors.

Date of Notification: 23rd June 2026

Date of Implementation: Effective Immediately

COSMETICS

CDSCO Circular on Hair Colour Cosmetics

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has issued a regulatory circular directing importers and manufacturers of hair colour cosmetic products to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Cosmetics Rules, 2020 and the applicable Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications. The circular emphasizes compliance with IS 4707 (Part 1 & Part 2) and IS 8481, covering permissible and restricted hair dye ingredients, ingredient declaration, directions for use, warning statements, patch test instructions, and labelling requirements.

The circular further states that any changes or revisions to the product label, product composition, or product quality specifications are required to be reported to the respective Central or State Licensing Authority under the provisions of the Cosmetics Rules, 2020.

Date of Notification: 10th June 2026

Date of Implementation: Effective Immediately



“ MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), during the 50th meeting of the Central Advisory Committee (CAC), emphasized the need to strengthen food safety enforcement across the country. FSSAI CEO Shri Rajit Punhani called upon States and Union Territories to expedite the recruitment of Food Safety Officers (FSOs) and Designated Officers (DOs) and fill existing vacancies to enhance field-level regulatory capacity.

The meeting highlighted the importance of increasing surveillance, food sampling, and enforcement activities to ensure the availability of safe food. States and UTs were also encouraged to strengthen consumer awareness initiatives, improve regulatory reporting through digital platforms like FoSCoS, and ensure timely resolution of consumer complaints.

Key discussions also focused on improving food recall mechanisms, addressing misleading claims in advertisements, strengthening labelling compliance for nutraceuticals, and enhancing laboratory capacity and performance. The committee further emphasized the need for data-driven decision-making and adoption of digital systems to improve regulatory efficiency.

8th June 2026

