

NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

MAY ISSUE

Consultation paper on 'Restriction of registration facility for certain food products/categories.'

FSSAI has released a consultation paper proposing to restrict registration and allow only State or Central licensing for certain high-risk food products, including Infant foods, Sweetened condensed milk, Packaged drinking water, Mineral water, Non-carbonated water-based beverages, and Milk powders. Mandatory pre-license inspections are proposed for the categories: Foods for Infant Nutrition (13.1 & 13.2) and Non-carbonated Water-Based Beverages (14.1.4.2).

Following deliberations during a meeting held on 25th April 2025 at FSSAI, FDA Bhawan, New Delhi, the consultation paper was issued and is provided in Annexure-1. Stakeholders may submit comments via the linked Google Form within 30 days from the date of this notice.

(01 MAY, 2025)

Monitoring the Sale of Fresh Fruits for use of Unauthorized or Prohibited Artificial Ripening Agents.

FSSAI has raised concerns over the continued use calcium carbide, commonly known as "masala," for artificially ripening fruits, especially mangoes, bananas, and papayas. Its use remains prevalent despite being strictly prohibited under provision 2.3.5 of the FSS (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations.

FSSAI has also observed that FBOs dipping fruits in ethephon solution to induce ripening. This practice violates FSSAI's prescribed SOP which permits ethephon only as a source for generating ethylene gas, and strictly prohibits any direct contact of the chemical with fruits/vegetables.

In addition to unsafe ripening practices, instances of coloring with synthetic dyes and coating with non-permitted waxes have also been observed.

To address these issues, FSSAI has directed all State and UT Food Safety Authorities to intensify inspections and maintain strict vigilance over fruit markets/mandis within their respective jurisdictions.

(16 MAY, 2025)

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Mandatory Submission of Closure Report on expiry of FSSAI License/Registration.

FSSAI has issued a directive requiring all FBOs whose FSSAI License or Registration expired during the financial year 2024–25 to mandatorily submit a Closure Report through the FOSCOS portal.

As per the directive, the Closure Report must confirm that no food business activity is being conducted under the expired license or registration number. Alternatively, FBOs must declare whether a new license or registration has been obtained. In either case, FBOs are also required to clearly state the reasons for non-renewal.

This requirement will apply to all future cases of license or registration expiry. A “Notice for Closure of Food Business” shall be sent via email through the FOSCOS portal upon expiry of a license or registration. FBOs are therefore advised to ensure that their email address, is up to date on the portal.

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Implementation of "Agreement" signed between FSSAI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI and Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA).

FSSAI signed an agreement with the Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA) on 21 March 2024, recognizing the controls exercised by BFDA over Bhutanese Food Business Operators (FBOs) as equivalent to FSSAI requirements. As part of the agreement’s implementation, BFDA will issue Health Certificates for food exports to India, serving as proof of compliance with FSSAI standards.

Accordingly, imports from Bhutanese food businesses listed in the enclosed approved list, when accompanied by a valid Health Certificate issued by the BFDA, may be cleared with a No Objection Certificate (NOC).

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Consultation Paper on 'Introduction of Fixed Cycles and Prolonged Validity for FSSAI Licenses'.

FSSAI has released a consultation paper to address issues in the current license renewal framework, which leads to non-uniform expiry dates and makes it difficult for FBOs to track their license expirations. The consultation paper (enclosed as Annexure-1) proposes fixed renewal cycles for licenses and registrations. FBOs would be allowed to select a standard renewal date—15th Jan, 15th April, 15th July, or 15th Oct—based on their convenience. Additionally, the paper suggests introducing a long-term validity option of 10 years for licenses under the "Trade/Retail" category.

For registrations, a minimum validity of 3 years is proposed, replacing the current 1- and 2-year options. Henceforth, FSSAI registrations would be available with validity options of 3, 4, or 5 years.

Stakeholder's are requested to submit suggestions / comments, if any, via the linked Google Form within 30 days from the date of this notice

(20 MAY, 2025)

Guidelines for acceptance of recycled Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) as Food Contact Material (FCM-rPET).

FSSAI has issued official guidelines for the use of recycled Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) as a Food Contact Material (FCM-rPET). Exercising the powers conferred under clause (e) of sub-regulation (4) of regulation 4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018, FSSAI has established a comprehensive framework.

This framework specifically pertains to the recycling process of converting post-consumer PET, used for food applications, into recycled PET (FCM-rPET) resins suitable for manufacturing Food Contact Materials. It outlines the acceptance criteria for the use of FCM-rPET resin in such applications and is applicable only to recycling technologies approved by FSSAI. The framework does not extend to the production of resins intended for non-food-grade consumer applications. This initiative supports the adoption of a circular economy, promotes the safe use of post-consumer plastics, and boosts sustainable packaging practices.

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FSSAI Urges States/UTs to Act on PM's Clarion Call Against Obesity.

FSSAI has called on States and Union Territories to intensify efforts against obesity and reduce oil consumption by 10%, following the Prime Minister's directive. At the 47th Central Advisory Committee meeting on May 27, 2025, FSSAI emphasized the need for strong public awareness and action.

A key focus was the CBSE's directive to set up 'sugar boards' in schools. FSSAI urged States to implement this initiative widely to reduce sugar intake among children and promote healthier habits.

The meeting also highlighted strengthening food safety surveillance, advancing the 'Eat Right India' campaign, and ensuring access to safe, nutritious food. FSSAI stressed that States are crucial for the effective execution of these initiatives and reiterated its commitment to providing all necessary technical guidance and support to states and UTs in their endeavor



(28 MAY, 2025)

Discontinuation of the Term "100%" on Food Product Labels and Related Promotional Materials.

FSSAI has observed a growing trend of using the term "100%" on food product labels, packaging, and promotional materials. This term is ambiguous and is not defined or referenced under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, or the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018.

The usage of the term "100," either in isolation or conjunction with other descriptors, is likely to create a false impression of absolute purity or superiority. As per regulatory requirements, food labeling and advertising must not mislead consumers—claims should always be truthful, clear, and meaningful.

In light of above, all Food Business Operators (FBOs) are advised to discontinue the use of the term "100%" on food product labels, packaging, and promotional materials to ensure compliance and consumer protection.

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