

NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

OCTOBER ISSUE

FSSAI and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australia signs MoU in the area of food safety

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and Australia's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on food safety on 24 September 2025 at FSSAI Headquarters, New Delhi. The MoU, signed by Shri Rajit Punhani, CEO, FSSAI, and Mr. Tom Black, First Assistant Secretary, DAFF, aims to enhance cooperation between India and Australia through knowledge exchange, sharing of best practices, technical collaboration, and capacity-building initiatives.

Both countries emphasized that the agreement marks a major step in strengthening institutional ties and promoting higher food safety standards in both nations.

(26 SEPTEMBER, 2025)

Enforcement Drive on Spices (Whole & Powder) for the month of October, 2025.

In reference to office letter dated for 17th September, 2025 regarding the enforcement drive on spices (whole and powder) scheduled to be conducted during October 2025, FSSAI has kept all the communications on hold until further orders.

Consequently, stakeholders have been requested not to initiate any action in pursuance of the above-mentioned letter until further instructions are issued by the Authority.

The communication was issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(30 SEPTEMBER, 2025)

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Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2025 regarding provisions related to Poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) and Bisphenol A (BPA) for food contact materials.

FSSAI has released a draft amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018. Key proposed modifications are as follows:

A) Under Regulation (3), General requirements, after Sub-regulation (14), the following points have to be inserted:

“(15) Poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) shall not be used in manufacturing of food contact materials.

(16) Food contact materials manufactured with polycarbonate and epoxy resins shall be free from Bisphenol A (BPA) and its derivatives.”:

The draft regulations will be taken into consideration after the expiry of 60 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette. Stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions to the Chief Executive Officer either by mail or post through the format given by the Authority.

(7 OCTOBER, 2025)

8th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) inaugurated in Guwahati.



The 8th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was inaugurated in Guwahati, highlighting India's leadership in global food standards and spice trade, with over 140 delegates from 40 nations participating.

Key points include India's promotion of turmeric as a superfood, approval of more than 200 spices for export, and efforts to boost farmer incomes and regional growth through enhanced processing and value addition.

Leaders from FSSAI and the Spices Board emphasized harmonized, science-based standards for food safety and equitable trade, while the session featured deliberations on draft standards for spices such as cardamom, coriander, and vanilla, affirming India's active role in shaping both regional and international spice regulations.

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CEO, FSSAI Urges States/UTs to Strengthen Consumer Grievance Mechanism and Proactively Highlight Enforcement Actions.

The 48th meeting of FSSAI's Central Advisory Committee held on October 14, 2025, FSSAI CEO Shri Rajit Punhani directed all States and UTs to strengthen consumer grievance mechanisms with regular fortnightly monitoring, and to proactively report daily enforcement actions against non-compliant food business operators to improve public confidence and accountability.

He also instructed the use of high-end equipment and NABL accreditation to ensure reliable laboratory testing, and discussed simplifying regulatory processes along with promoting centralized surveillance and data-driven decision-making for enhanced food safety oversight.

Over 70 officials—including state food safety commissioners, FSSAI representatives, and food industry members—participated in the meeting to coordinate these nationwide improvements



(14 OCTOBER, 2025)

Withdrawal of Orders regarding 'Usage of the term "ORS" along with brand names.

FSSAI has issued an order regarding the withdrawal of previous directions on the usage of the term "ORS" along with brand names. Earlier, two orders titled "Usage of the term 'ORS' along with brand names – reg" were published on 14 July 2022 and 2 February 2024, which had allowed Food Business Operators (FBOs) to use the term "ORS" or similar expressions under certain restrictions.

FSSAI has now decided that the aforementioned orders, as well as any other orders previously issued in this regard stands withdrawn with immediate effect.

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Clarification regarding Order dated 14.10.2025 on withdrawal permissions for use of the term "ORS" along with brand names

FSSAI has clarified that, effective 14 October 2025, all permissions to use the term “ORS” on food labels—including with prefixes, suffixes, or as part of trademarked names—are withdrawn, superseding previous orders from July 2022 and February 2024. The use of “ORS” for any food or beverage product is now strictly prohibited, as it is considered misleading and deceptive under Sections 23 and 24 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, as well as relevant sub-regulations of the Labelling and Advertising regulations, and will be treated as misbranding, attracting penalties under Sections 52 and 53 of the Act.

All food business operators must immediately remove “ORS” from product names, labels, and advertisements, while the earlier direction dated 8 April 2022 on misleading ORS substitute advertisements remains in force.

(15 OCTOBER, 2025)



Provision for granting registration certificate for seasonal food businesses.

FSSAI has introduced a new provision in its Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) effective from August 1, 2025, to facilitate streamlined registration for seasonal food businesses operating during short-term events such as religious fairs and food festivals.

Under this provision, Registering Authorities fill out Form A of the FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulation, 2011, on behalf of food business operators (FBOs). The registration covers trade/retail businesses like food vending agencies and retailers, and food service businesses including petty retailers, hawkers, and food vending establishments. The registration is valid for up to three months, non-renewable, with a nominal fee of Rs. 100, while hawkers are exempt from fees. This initiative simplifies compliance for temporary food vendors, enabling them to operate legally with minimal procedural burden during specific events, strengthening food safety oversight for these businesses.

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