

# NEWSLETTER

## FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS SEPTEMBER ISSUE

### **FSSAI Introduces New Kind of Business (KOB) for 'Ayurveda Aahara' under FoSCoS Licensing/Registration.**

FSSAI introduced a new Kind of Business (KoB) "Ayurveda Aahara" under Manufacturer group in FoSCoS portal. Applies only to foods that fall within the definition of Ayurveda Aahara excluding medicinal and cosmetic products. Key details include:

- KOB Name- Ayurveda Aahara ( under Group name- Manufacturer)
- Eligibility- Central License with annual fee Rs. 7500 + GST.
- Food category- Ayurveda Aahara under FC 102.1(A) doesn't need approval for standardized products but requires an approval from FSSAI (HQ) for claims like disease Risk Reduction. For Categories 102.2 B, 102.3 B1, and 102.4 B2 need approval from FSSAI (HQ) for both product and health/disease risk claims.
- Inspection checklist: Same as general manufacturers.
- Documentation: Similar to general manufacturing plus applicable state-specific documents.
- Food Category 102 opened for Registration/State License/Central License based on existing criteria under all other categories of Trade/Retail.
- Effective from September 1, 2025.

(1 September,2025)

### **Shri Rajit Punhani, IAS, takes charge as CEO, FSSAI**

Shri Rajit Punhani, a 1991-batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre, took charge as Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on Monday.

Shri Rajit Punhani brings over 30 years of administrative experience at centre , state, and international levels, with expertise in public policy, finance, social security, health, energy, and governance.

He recently served as Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and earlier as Secretary, Rajya Sabha and CEO of Sansad TV.

He played key roles in launching pension and insurance schemes for 450 million unorganized workers, the world's largest maternal messaging service, and contributed to India's GST foundation.

His career includes roles such as District Magistrate and Dy Development Commissioner in the aspirational districts in Bihar. He also served as the Principal Secretary in Bihar government, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, and diplomat to the EU.

An Economics graduate from St. Stephen's College and an MBA in Finance from IIM Bangalore, his leadership focuses on safe, sustainable, and inclusive growth of India's food economy.

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## **Permission to the manufacturers or packers or importers of pre-packaged commodities to declare the revised retail sale price (MRP) on the unsold stock- Change in GST rates of Goods & Services - reg.**

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs, Weights and Measures Unit has released a letter dated 09.09.2025, regarding a significant update related to pre-packaged commodities.

In exercise of powers under Rule 33 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, the Central Government now permits manufacturers, packers, and importers of pre-packaged commodities to declare the revised retail sale price (MRP) on unsold stock manufactured, packed, or imported prior to GST rate changes, in addition to the existing MRP upto 31<sup>st</sup> December,2025 or till such date the stock is exhausted, whichever is earlier. Key details include:

- 1.The revised MRP reflecting the changed GST rate can be declared by stamping, sticker, or online printing, provided that the original MRP remains visible and is not overwritten.
- 2.The difference between the original MRP and the revised MRP must reflect only the applicable tax change and no additional markup is permitted.
- 3.At least two advertisements must be published in newspapers, along with notices circulated to dealers and the Legal Metrology authorities.
- 4.Any packaging material or wrapper from prior to the GST revision may be used up to 31st December 2025 or until exhausted, after updating the MRP accordingly.

This measure allows industry players to manage unsold stocks effectively while complying with legal requirements amid GST rate changes.

(9 September, 2025)

## **GST revision- permission by Central Govt. under Rules 33 of the Legal metrology rules, 2011.**

As per the advisory dated 09.09.2025, the Central Government has received representations from industry and trade associations to simplify legal compliance for manufacturers and importers of pre-packaged commodities following the GST revision. Key provisions of the notification:

- 1.The government has now allowed manufacturers/packers/importers to voluntarily affix revised price stickers on unsold packages made before 22nd September 2025, as long as the original printed price remains visible. Rules do not make it compulsory to put revised price stickers on such old stock.
- 2.The earlier requirement to publish revised prices in two newspapers is waived.
- 3.Instead, manufacturers/packers/importers only need to send circulars to wholesalers/retailers about revised prices and send copies to the Director (Legal Metrology, Govt. of India) and State/UT Controllers.
- 4.The Manufacturers/packers/importers must also inform retailers and consumers about GST-related price changes through circulars, media, and other communication channels.
- 5.Old packaging material with pre-printed MRP can still be used till 31st March 2026 or until stock is finished, after making corrections the revised MRP may be mentioned via stamping, sticker, or online printing at any place on the package
- 6.Printing the revised unit sale price on unsold pre-packaged commodities/unused packaging material or wrapper bearing a pre-printed MRP is not mandatory, but companies may do so voluntarily.

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

- FSSAI conducted a 'Pan India Surveillance on Spices' from November 2024 to February 2025 covering 13 spice commodities of spices to assess the safety, quality, labelling requirements as well as to identify the hot spots of adulteration and noncompliance of spices in the Indian market.
- The surveillance found non-compliance in terms of quality parameters, contaminants, microbial count, and labelling requirements.

Based on the findings, a nation-wide enforcement drive will be held during 01.10.2025 to 31.10.2025. The enforcement will cover the following 13 spice products under FSSR, 2011: Black Pepper (Powder & Whole), Cardamom (Powder & Whole), Chilli (Powder & Whole), Cinnamon (Dalchini) Whole, Coriander (Powder & Whole), Cumin (Powder & Whole), Turmeric (Powder & Whole).

- Commissioners of Food Safety (States/Union Territories) and FSSAI Regional Directors are instructed to:
  1. Conduct inspections and sampling only at manufacturing units (to verify compliance at source).
  2. Ensure compliance with prescribed parameters and labelling requirements under FSS Act and Regulations.
  3. Send drawn samples to NABL-accredited laboratories with full testing scope for these spices.
  4. Inspection, sampling, and outcomes must be updated on FoSCoS / FoSCoRIS. A consolidated report of samples and test results given in the attached document as Annexure A & B format must be emailed to FSSAI at this email address - enforcement1@fssai.gov.in, by 20th November 2025



(17 September, 2025)

## Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda unveils logo and brochures of Global Food Regulators Summit 2025

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda unveiled the logo of the Global Food Regulators Summit (GFRS) 2025 along with the brochure at Nirman Bhawan on 23rd September 2025. The Summit was organized from 26th to 27th September at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, by the FSSAI under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, alongside the World Food India 2025 event organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI). Key highlights of the announcement:

- Theme: "Evolving Food Systems – Yatha Annam Tatha Manah", emphasized the deep link between food, health, and societal well-being.
- Summit Vision: To provide a global platform for food regulators to share perspectives, harmonize standards, strengthen risk assessment, and explore technological advancements in food safety.
- Launch of 'Eat Right Thali' book – Showcasing India's traditional thali's from all states as a cultural and dietary guide for preventive health and mindful eating.
- The Summit featured:
  - a. Keynote addresses by international organizations and scientists.
  - b. Technical and plenary sessions with global food regulators.
  - c. Interactive sessions with national and international stakeholders.
  - d. Bilateral and multilateral meetings on emerging challenges.
- This was the third consecutive edition of GFRS hosted by FSSAI, further positioning India as a hub for global food safety dialogue.

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## **Special festive drive to ensure food safety, quality and prevention of adulteration during the month of September-October.**

- FSSAI has notified that with the festive season coming, demand for sweets, savouries, and milk products (ghee, khoa, paneer, etc.) rises sharply, increasing the risk of adulteration and safety concerns. To safeguard public health, special surveillance and enforcement drives are requested during this period, focused on high-risk areas and sensitive locations. The Authority will implement measures for special surveillance and/or conduct enforcement drives. To achieve this, Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs), wherever available, should be strategically deployed in key markets or based on intelligence inputs for:
  - a. On-the-spot testing
  - b. Strengthening vigilance
  - c. Consumer awareness
  - d. Building trust in safe and quality food products
- All inspection, sampling, and outcome data must be updated on FoSCoS/FoSCoRIS by 15th November 2025. This matter is to be treated as most important.

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