

NEWSLETTER

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



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THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS

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ORDER/ DIRECTIONS	2
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Compliance with timely analysis and reporting of food articles referred to the FSSAI notified Referral Laboratories

FSSAI has issued an order to all notified Referral Laboratories in view to streamline “Food recall” functionality in the FoSCoS system, which was subsequently presented to State/UT officials at the 50th meeting of the Central Advisory Committee held on 8 June 2026. The directions require Referral Laboratories to prioritize appeal samples referred for testing and ensure their analysis and reporting to the concerned Designated Officers (DOs) or Central Licensing Authorities (CLAs) within 14 working days of receipt of the samples, thereby facilitating the timely and effective implementation of food recall procedures.

States/UTs must ensure timely and systematic recall evaluation based on test results of referral laboratories and report any delays in analysis and reporting of appeal samples by Referral Laboratories to FSSAI with relevant details for appropriate follow-up necessary action.

Date of Notification: 18th September 2026

Gazette Notification of the Food Safety and Standards (Laboratory and Sample Analysis) Amendment Regulations, 2026 relating to Timeline for Analysis of samples, Method of Analysis and testing report formats in alignment with FSS Act/Rules/Regulations

FSSAI has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Laboratory and Sample Analysis) Amendment Regulations, 2026, effective from 1 April 2027.

- The amendment revises Sub-Regulation 2.3.1, requiring test certificates/reports to be issued in the prescribed Forms XI and VII-A, duly signed by the Director of the Referral Food Laboratory or the Food Analyst, as applicable.
- For unspecified products, the quantity of sample drawn shall be as per guidelines issued by the Food Authority from time to time.
- The notification introduces Regulation 2.5 requires laboratories to use the analytical methods prescribed in FSSAI manuals, as amended or adopted from time to time. Where no FSSAI method is available, laboratories may use validated methods prescribed by recognized bodies such as AOAC, ISO, Pearson's, Jacob, IUPAC, or other internationally recognized regulatory agencies.
- Under Regulation 2.6, reports for regulatory samples must be issued by Food Analysts and referral laboratories within 14 days of receipt, while reports for imported food samples must be issued within 5 days of receipt. Any delay beyond these timelines must be supported by written reasons and communicated to the relevant authority.
- Forms A and B have also been omitted.

Date of Notification: 18th September 2026

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Special festive drive to ensure food safety, quality and prevention of adulteration

FSSAI has directed the concerned (Designated Officers/Food Safety Officers/Central Food Safety Officers) to carry out special food safety checks during the upcoming Navratri and Diwali festive season, as the demand for sweets, snacks, milk and milk products, ghee, edible oils, beverages and other food items is expected to increase.

- The officers have been asked to conduct regular inspections and sampling, especially at busy markets, identified hotspots and other sensitive areas, to prevent the sale of adulterated, counterfeit or unsafe food products. The authorities should also consider region-specific items such as kuttu atta and singhada atta based on local consumption patterns.
- Wherever available, Food Safety on Wheels should be deployed in important market areas for on-the-spot testing, creating awareness among consumers and strengthening food safety monitoring.
- All inspection, sampling and testing results are also required to be recorded and updated on FoSCoS/IFoSCoRIS in real time. The directive has been marked as “MOST IMPORTANT” and requires prompt action by the concerned authorities.

Date of Notification: 29st September 2026



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COSMETICS: CDSCO Public Notice – Public Health Alert Against Unauthorised Cosmetic Products

CDSCO issued a Public Notice regarding a public health alert against the use of unauthorised cosmetic products. The notice highlights that the manufacture and import of cosmetics are regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Cosmetics Rules, 2020, with applicable cosmetic product standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Manufacturing cosmetics for sale and distribution requires a licence from the State Licensing Authority, while imported cosmetics require registration with the Central Licensing Authority.

CDSCO has identified Goree Beauty Cream and Chandni Whitening Cream, both labelled as Made in Pakistan, as unauthorised cosmetic products. Testing and analysis confirmed excessive heavy metal levels beyond the specified limits, which may pose health risks to consumers. Consumers have been advised not to purchase or use these products or similarly named products. Consumers should purchase authorised cosmetics with the required labelling and regulatory details.

Date of Notification: 08st September 2026

COSMETICS: Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Fourth Amendment Rules, 2026: Changes in Veg/Non-Veg Labelling Requirements

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs issued the notification to amend the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, vide Gazette Notification. The amendment introduces changes to the labelling requirements for soaps, shampoos, toothpastes, cosmetics and toiletries concerning the display of vegetarian/non-vegetarian symbols on the Principal Display Panel (PDP).

Under the amended provisions, a red or brown dot for products of non-vegetarian origin and a green dot for products of vegetarian origin may be displayed at the top of the PDP. These symbols are now additional/optional declarations and are not mandatory Legal Metrology declarations. The earlier requirement for mandatory display of these symbols has been omitted. Further, stickers cannot be used to replace mandatory Legal Metrology declarations and may only be used for other permitted declarations.

Date of Notification: 21st September 2026



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

FSSAI has issued a draft amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011, proposing restrictions on the manufacture and sale of analogue products marketed as paneer, with the objective of preventing consumers from being misled about the nature and composition of such products.

Products already licensed or registered under the “Analogue in Dairy Context” category would be required to discontinue the use of the term “Paneer” in their nomenclature, labelling, or marketing.

The proposal is currently at the draft stage, and stakeholders have been given 60 days to submit objections or suggestions.

The final requirements will depend on the consultation process and issuance of the final amendment.

Date of Notification: 24th September 2026

