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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
(A Statutory body under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)  
(Standards Division)

FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road,  
New Delhi-110 002  
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To,

- (i) Commissioner of Food Safety of all States/UTs
- (ii) All Central Licensing Authority

**Subject: Discourage the use of staple pins on food packets.**

It has come to the notice of FSSAI that many Food Business Operators who are engaged in retail businesses are using staple pins to pack food items in plastic and paper bags instead of sealing them with a thermal unit or cello-adhesive tapes. The metallic pins used in food packages are a physical hazard in food and pose a risk to consumer health and food safety.

2. There is an urgent need to discourage the use of staple pins to pack food items in plastic and paper bags by creating awareness among businesses, especially unorganized food business operators and consumers on its harmful effects.
3. Commissioner of Food Safety of all States/UTs are requested to initiate a systemic campaign for generating awareness amongst all stakeholders to discourage the use of stapling and staple pins for packing processed and unprocessed food articles.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours Sincerely

(Dr. Shobhit Jain)  
Executive Director (RCD)

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- (i) PPS to Chairperson, FSSAI
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