

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
Monthly Achievements

February, 2023

REGULATIONS DIVISION

Final Notifications

Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Second Amendment Regulations, 2023 related to Standards for Sheep Milk, oils, Desiccated coconut, Wheat Flour or Resultant Wheat flour, Millets, Mithun (Bos frontalis), Dried Sweet Marjoram, Coconut Neera, Liquid nitrogen dosing in 'Natural Mineral Water' and 'Packaged Drinking Water', Substances added to Food, Microbiological Standards etc. [Notified on: 21-02-2023]

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- a. **Food Handlers-** FoSTaC Training programme of FSSAI focuses on ensuring Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and proper hygiene and sanitation in food service establishments. These short duration training programs for food handlers are being organized regularly through empanelled Training Partners and trainers. During February, 2023, 18315 food handlers were trained through 575 Food Safety Supervisor trainings.
- b. **Regulatory Personnel and FSSAI officials-** FSSAI is also regularly conducting trainings for Regulatory Personnel and Regular employees of FSSAI. Details of trainings conducted during the month of During February, 2023 for such personnel are as follows:

Name of Training	Number of trainings	Number of people trained
Induction Training program for Designated Officers at Kerala	1	16
Induction Training program for Food Safety Officers at Kerala	1	59

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ORDERS/ADVISORIES/CLARIFICATIONS-

1. Vide order dt. 10.02.2022 the initial application fee for FSSAI license has been reduced to Rs. 1000 + GST (as applicable) for facilitating ease of doing business. The differential amount of the license fee i.e. total applicable license fee minus Rs. 100 (Already paid as initial fee) along with the GST (as applicable) on the differential amount shall be collected from the FBO prior grant of FSSAI License.
2. The Traceability Application/portal under the Repurposed Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) Initiative designed to track the whole RUCO ecosystem, generate UCO disposal requests, enroll Non Food Production (NFP) units, recognize aggregators requested by NFP units, monitor transactions and generate data and reports on real time has been made live from 15.03.2023 vide order dt. 24.02.2023.

Release of funds under MoU framework

1. Under the Scheme of MoU with States/UTs, FSSAI has been providing financial and technical assistance to States/UTs since 2020-21 against approved work plans to address the gaps in the food safety ecosystem and improve the overall food safety status in the country. These activities include upgrading State Food Testing eco-system, organizing various FSSAI initiatives, conducting IEC activities, setting up helpdesk for licensing & registration, audits of State licensed FBOs, testing of samples in FSSAI empanelled private laboratories, organizing Basic FoSTAC training for FBOs etc. Funds are provided under Central Sector Scheme as well as from non-CSS funds. Funds are provided under Central Sector Scheme as well as from non-CSS funds. During February, 2023, no fund was released.
2. Overall, under the MoU framework during current financial year 2022-23, an amount of Rs.8483.67 Lakh under Central Sector Scheme (SoFTeL) and Rs. 19742.62 lakh under non-CSS totaling Rs. 28226.29 lakh (282.26 Crore) has been released to 35 States/UTs till end of February, 2023.

Science and Standards Division

1. FSSAI vide order no. S&S/SSC-SP&SC/2022 dated 24.02.2023 reconstituted the Scientific Committee (SC) and 21 Scientific Panels(SP) comprising of independent scientific experts to provide scientific opinion for developing science based standards for articles of food. The term of the SC and SPs will be valid for a period of three years from 01st March, 2023 to 28th February,

2026 in accordance to the provisions contained in Section 15 of the FSS Act, 2006.

2. Issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on application for Vegan logo endorsement on 27.02.2023.
3. Issued revised guidelines dated 24th February 2023 for submission of applications for endorsement of vegan logo and formats thereof.

Social Behaviour Change Division

1. In the month of February 2023, a total of 16 Creatives were designed and circulated for creating public awareness through different social media platforms of FSSAI.

2. In the month of February 2023, total no. of certificates awarded under the Eat Right India initiatives are as follows:

Sl. No.	Initiatives	Total
1.	Eat Right Street Food Hub	6
2.	Eat Right Places of Worship	4
3.	Eat Right Fruit and Vegetable Market	9
4.	Eat Right Campus	52
5.	Eat Right School	38
6.	Eat Right Station	8

3. A meeting was organised with the members of NetProFaN on 15th February, 2023 to discuss about the plans to promote Eat Right India and millets. During the meeting, the NetProFaN mobile application was also launched by the CEO, FSSAI to ease the process of uploading of activities conducted by members.

4. Eat Right Millets Melas are being organised in various parts of the country to spread awareness about the health benefits of millets and its usage in daily diet. 4 such melas were conducted in the month of February 2023.

5. "Combating Food Adulteration Challenge" was launched in the month of February 2023 for the NetProFaN Chapters with an objective to create awareness among citizens about food adulteration.

Quality Assurance Division

1) Strengthening of Food Testing System in the Country including provision of Mobile Food Testing Labs:

a) Capacity Building:

FSSAI conducted 01 Hands-on Training program for State/UTs, laboratory personnel conducted in coordination with (i) ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), Kochi. 10 participants attended these training program.

ITC-FSAN, Mumbai conducted 15 training programs in online and offline mode for FBOs, Students & Regulatory Staff, Personnel from State Food Testing Laboratories, etc. 637 participants attended these training programs.

b) Food Safety on Wheels (FSW)

Four Food Safety on Wheels procured by Tamil Nadu State started its operation in the month of February, 2023