

## FSSAI Uncovers Stockpile of Expired Beer, Takes Swift Action against Violation of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006

## **Press Release**

**New Delhi, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in collaboration with Customs officials, conducted a joint inspection on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, at the Public Bonded Warehouse in Dwarka, New Delhi. The findings revealed a clear violation of the provisions outlined in the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act of 2006.

During the inspection of goods, it was discovered that a Food Business Operator (FBO) had a stockpile of 45 metric tonnes of expired beer of a popular brand, with an estimated value of Rs. 1 crore, stored in the warehouse.

In response to the violations, FSSAI, under the supervision of its Director, Northern Region, Ms. S. Vijayarani, took immediate action by seizing all the expired products in accordance with the FSS Act, 2006. The seized products will be subject to further investigation.

FSSAI is currently conducting a comprehensive inquiry into the matter to ascertain the full extent of the violation and to take necessary actions as per the regulatory framework. FSSAI's crackdown underlines its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of consumers, by enforcing stringent regulations and taking timely action against the FBOs who are violating the regulatory provisions.

Further, FSSAI encourages consumers to report any instances of food safety concerns to maintain highest standards of food safety across the country. The consumers can share their concerns related to food safety matters directly with FSSAI through a dedicated *"Food Safety Connect"* portal which can be accessed at <u>https://foscos.fssai.gov.in/consumergrievance/</u>.