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FSSAI issues Directions for the Re-Operationalisation of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2021

On 25th November 2022, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an Order regarding the Directions under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding the re-operationalisation of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2021.

Through the exercise of powers as conferred under Section 92 of the Food Safety and Safety Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), FSSAI framed the Food Safety and Standards (Licencing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2018, which the Food Authority approved via the meeting held on 21st September 2017.

The Regulations contain amendments to the following mentioned Sections -

- Section I - Licencing and Registration of E-Commerce food business operator.
- Section II - Documents to be enclosed for new application for licence to State/Central Licensing Authority for restaurant.
- Section III - Conditions of license for restaurant.
- Section IV - Part-II of Schedule 4 relating to general requirements on Hygienic and sanitary practices to be followed by all food business operators for license.
- Section V - Part IV of Schedule 4 relating to establishing a small slaughterhouse.
- Section VI - Part V of Schedule 4 relating to good hygienic and manufacturing practices to be followed by licencing food business operators engaged in catering of food service operations.

These particular regulations were operationalised through the exercise of powers vested with the Food Authority in accordance with the Food Authority under Section 18 (2) (d) to be read with Section 16 (5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 deemed effective from 15th February 2018, and were subsequently re-operationalised on 16th August 2018, 28th February 2019, 28th August 2019, 16th February 2020, 16th August 2020, 19th March 2021, 12th November 2021 and 24th June 2022. Along with this, some other provisions of the particular regulations were also operationalised through the directions issued on 16th November 2020 and 05th April 2021.

The Order further states that the said draft amendment regulations were notified on 17th November 2020 for the purpose of inviting comments from stakeholders and are currently under the process of finalisation.

As the notification regarding the final amendment of the regulations is yet to be issued, FSSAI has decided to re-operationalise the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2021, which is hereby enclosed and hereby deemed effective from the 11th November 2022 for the purpose of ensuring food safety and fair practices in food business operations.

Food Business Operators are directed to follow these regulations and the enforcement of the same is to commence upon the final regulations, which are notified in the Gazette of India, with the exception of amendment for Sub-Regulations 2.1.9, which has already come into effect from 27th March 2020. Concerning the requirements of Schedule 4, Improvement Notice under Section 32 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 is to be issued to Food Business Operators, and required actions are to be taken in accordance with the compliance measures for the requirements.

This Order was issued through the exercise of powers as vested under Section 18 (2) (d) and Section 16 (5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

Official Notification Attached - [here](#)



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