



# FOOD SAFETY

**The Food Safety and Standards (First Amendment)  
Rules, 2022**





On 20th January 2023, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) published the Food Safety and Standards (First Amendment) Rules, 2022 further amending the Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011.

The particular Rules are deemed to be effective from 20th January 2023.

The following have henceforth been amended -

- In Rule 2.1 which states, "Qualification and Duties" in Sub-Rule 2.1.2 in relation to "Designated Officer" (a) in clause 1 related to qualification - for sub-clause (i), the clause is to be substituted with

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"(i) The Designated Officer shall be a whole time Officer, not below the rank of Sub-Divisional Officer or equivalent and shall possess a Bachelor's or Master's or Doctorate degree in Science with chemistry as one of the subjects or shall possess at least one of the educational qualifications prescribed for the Food Safety Officers under these rules or who has possessing not less than five years of experience as Food Safety Officers or has not less than seven years combined experience as Food Safety Officer and Food Inspector of which minimum four years as Food Safety Officer after commencement of the Food Safety and Standards Act.

*Provided that the Commissioner of Food Safety may with the previous approval of the State Government, confer a Sub-Divisional Officer of the area, additional charge as Designated Officer for the same period as may be specified by the Food Authority. Provided further that the Chief Executive Officer may confer any officer of the Central Government with additional charge as Designated Officer for the area outside the jurisdiction of State Government or Union territory Government."*

- sub-clause (ia) is henceforth omitted
- in sub-clause (ii), the proviso is henceforth omitted
- in sub-clause (iii), in item (a), after the words "as Local Health Authority", the words "or appointed as Food Safety Officer having qualification prescribed under these rules" is to be inserted.
- in clause 2 relating to powers and duties, the sub-clause (iia) is henceforth omitted



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