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Report Highlights:

On February 5, 2013, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a statutory advisory extending the timeline for converting or renewing existing Food Business Operator (FBO) licenses and registrations. The advisory extends the previously issued notification (of July 25, 2012) to February 4, 2014.

General Information:

Introduction: On February 5, 2013, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a statutory advisory extending the timeline for converting or renewing existing Food Business Operator (FBO) licenses and registrations. The advisory extends the previously issued notification (of July 25, 2012) to February 4, 2014.

The full text of the subject advisories can be accessed on the FSSAI website at:

[Advisory dated July 25, 2012](#) and [New Advisory dated February 5, 2013](#)

Background:

The Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011 requires all FBOs to register or license in accordance with the procedures laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (chapter 2, clause 2.1). According to the [Food Safety and Standards \(Licensing and Registration\) Regulations, 2011](#), an FBO must possess a valid FSSAI license to engage in food business operations. Schedule I of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration) Regulations, 2011 provides a list of food business falling under the purview of the Central Licensing Authority. For food businesses not covered under Schedule 1, a license may be granted by the concerned State or Union Territory Licensing Authority.

Schedule 1: List of food business falling under the purview of Central Licensing Authority

1. Dairy units including milk chilling units equipped to handle or process more than 50,000 litres of liquid milk/day or 2500 MT of milk solid per annum.
2. Vegetable oil processing units and units producing vegetable oil by the process of solvent extraction and refineries including oil expeller units having installed capacity more than 2 MT per day.
3. All slaughter houses equipped to slaughter more than 50 large animals or 150 or more small animals including sheep and goats or 1000 or more birds per day.
4. Meat processing units equipped to handle or process more than 500 kg of meat per day or 150 MT per annum.
5. All food processing units other than mentioned under (I) to (IV) including relabellers and repackers having installed capacity more than 2 MT/day except grains, cereals and pulses milling units.
6. 100 % Export Oriented Units.
7. All Importers importing food items including food ingredients and additives for commercial use.

8. All food business operators manufacturing any article of food containing ingredients or substances or using technologies or processes or combination thereof whose safety has not been established through these regulations or which do not have a history of safe use or food containing ingredients which are being introduced for the first time into the country.

9. Food Business Operator operating in two or more states.

10. Food catering services in establishments and units under Central government Agencies like Railways, Air and airport, Seaport, Defence etc.

The text of the new advisory is also given below.

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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road,
New Delhi-110002
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STATUTORY ADVISORY

Subject: Extending time line upto 4th February, 2014 for the Food business Operators to obtain license / registration under the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food business) Regulations, 2011.

In continuation of the statutory advisory dated 25.7.2012 issued by this Authority, it has been decided to extend the timeline to 4th February, 2014 for FBOs seeking conversion/renewal of their existing licenses and also for FBOs who have not obtained licences/registration under the new Act.



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