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Report Highlights:

On May 2, 2012, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published an additional advisory regarding product approval procedures for products and ingredients. If a new product or ingredient has not yet been assessed for safety concerns, it will not receive a provisional “No Objection Certificate” (NOC), but rather will be referred for approval to the scientific panels/scientific committees of the FSSAI.

General Information:

This report summarizes the additional advisory issued by FSSAI for approval of products/ ingredient.

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Please refer GAIN IN2053 on ‘FSSAI introduces product approval procedure in India’, and GAIN IN2054 on ‘Approval procedure of manufactured or imported proprietary products’

Regarding additional Advisory regarding product approval procedure: Please see the below notification from the FSSAI for details. The advisory is also available online and can be accessed at: [http://fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Advisories\(02-05-2012\).pdf](http://fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Advisories(02-05-2012).pdf)

No. P. 15025/219/2011-PA/FSSAI
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Subject: - Continuation to the advisories of Product Approval

In continuation with the advisories for product approval i.e. No. P. 15025/219/2011-PA/FSSAI and No. P. 15025/24/2012-PA/FSSAI it is further clarified that provisional NOC will be issued for 1 year in case of existing license holders/importers for proprietary food products/ingredients and also for new products/ingredients which have had a proven record for safety for human consumption in other countries.

Products/ ingredients which are absolutely new and have never been used in any country and their safety assessment has not been carried out shall not be issued a provisional NOC. Their applications will be forwarded to the Scientific Panel/Scientific Committee.

Manufactures of traditional foods and local cuisine like *Atta, Suji, Dal*, Savouries like *Samosa, Bhujia, Gulabjamun* etc, which are most commonly used by the consumers need not to submit their applications for product approval as a proprietary food.

The applicant shall submit the applications for product approval in prescribed format with the fees of Rs 25000/- (non refundable) with soft copies and gist of the dossiers irrespective of no. of products/ingredients for which the dossiers and applications have been submitted for single category.

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