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Report Highlights:

On October 26, 2012, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an advisory on approval procedures for new products and ingredients. According to the new FSSAI advisory, all food business operators (FBOs) must apply for approval before commercializing a new product or ingredient.

General Information:

On October 26, 2012, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an advisory on approval procedures for new products and ingredients. The new FSSAI advisory withdraws *paragraph 4* of the previous [advisory](#) published on August 8, 2012 (GAIN Report [IN2108](#)), as this clause was inconsistent with the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act and Rules. According to the new FSSAI advisory, all food business operators (FBOs) must apply for approval before commercializing a new product or ingredient.

Paragraph 4 of the previous advisory stated “Also, if authority has already received an application for a product or NOC issued, other FBO’s manufacturing/importing the exact product need not apply for product approval. The list of Product Approval application received and in process and the NOC already issued are listed out on FSSAI website under Product Approval section.”

The full text of October 26 advisory is given below and can be accessed through the FSSAI website: [http://www.fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Advisory\(02-11-2012\).pdf](http://www.fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Advisory(02-11-2012).pdf)

For further details on the product approval, please also refer to the following GAIN reports.

IN2053	FSSAI introduces product approval procedure in India
IN2054	Approval Procedure of proprietary products manufactured or imported products
IN2068	FSSAI Additional Advisory on Product Approval Procedure
IN2108	FSSAI releases fresh advisory on product approval procedures

No. P. 15025/24/2012-PA/FSSAI
Food Safety and Standards Authority
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Advisory No. P. 15025/24/2012-PA/FSSAI dated 06th August, 2012 issued by the Product Approval Section has been reviewed. It has been found that the paragraph No.4 of the Advisory which states that "Also, if Authority has already received an application for a product or NOC issued, other FBOs manufacturing/ importing the exact product need not to apply for product approval" is not in accordance with FSS Act and Rules and hence stands withdrawn. Hence all persons manufacturing and importing the product need to take product approval duly proving the safety of the product.

This issues with the approval of CEO, FSSAI.

Pradip Chakraborty 26/10/12

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