

INSTRUCTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS/RELEASES
Dated 5th/6th August, 2015

To

1. All Commissioners of Food Safety of States/UTs
2. All Central Licensing Authorities
3. All Directors, FSSAI
4. PPS to Chairperson, FSSAI
5. PS to CEO, FSSAI
6. FSSAI Website for immediate Publication
7. Guard File, Enforcement Division

Extension of time upto 4th February, 2016 for the food business operators to obtain licenses/registration under the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011.

1. WHEREAS section 31 (1) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 provides that no person shall commence or carry on any food business except under a license.

2. WHEREAS Regulation 2.1.2 of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011, inter-alia, envisages that subject to Regulation 2.1.1, no person shall commence any food business unless he possesses a valid license, provided that any person or Food Business Operator carrying on food business on the date of notification of these Regulations, under a license, registration or permission, as the case may be, under the Acts or Orders mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Act shall get their existing license converted into the license/registration under these regulations by making an application to the Licensing/Registering Authority, within one year from the date of commencement of these regulations. Further, any food business operator holding Registration/License under any other Act/Order, as specified under the Second Schedule of the FSS Act, 2006 with no specific validity or expiry date, and otherwise entitled to obtain a license under these regulations, shall have to apply and obtain a Registration/License under these Regulations within one year from the date of commencement of these regulations by paying the applicable fees.

3. WHEREAS having regard to the representations from various stakeholders including individuals, FBOs and various associations seeking extension of time-line for Registration and Licensing as per Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011, the time-line mentioned in sub-regulation 2.1.2 was first extended for six months upto 04.08.2012 and then for another 12 months i.e. upto 04.02.2014 and thereafter upto 04.08.2014 and then up to 04.02.2015 and last time upto 04.08.2015.

4. WHEREAS a number of representations have been received in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for extending the time for obtaining license and registration for further one year from 04.08.2015.

5. WHEREAS the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, has considered the representations received from various stakeholders and decided to further extend the timeline mentioned in sub-regulation 2.1.2 of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011, for a further period of six months i.e. up to 04.02.2016.

6. AND WHEREAS the Central Government has directed the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in terms of Section 85 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) to extend the time-line mentioned in sub-regulation 2.1.2 of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011 for a further period of six months i.e. up to 04.02.2016 vide its Order bearing No. P-15025/13/2011-DFQC dated 5th August 2015.

7. Accordingly, the time-line for obtaining license/registration in terms of regulation 2.1.2 of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011 is hereby extended for a further period of six months i.e. up to 04.02.2016.

Sd/-
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