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Report Name: INDIA - FSSAI Proposes Amendments to the Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses Regulation

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Report Highlights:

On November 25, 2020, the Government of India notified its draft Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2020. World Trade Organization (WTO) members are invited to comment on the proposed draft amendment regulation and the timeline to provide comments is 60-days from the date of notification.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses\) Regulation, 2011](#), to include revisions in the requirements for licensing and registration of food businesses. According to the proposed draft regulation, food business operators (FBO) applying for registration and license must conform to food safety measures, sanitary, and hygiene requirements.

The draft regulation also includes compliance requirements for licensed FBOs who are engaged in other businesses such as retailing through e-commerce, selling food products either on marketplace-based models or inventory based, and selling of food from food service establishments. Food business operators engaged in retailing of food items through their own e-commerce channel shall also comply with the requirements as specified, along with sector specific requirements provided in Schedule 4 of the regulation. Readers should read through the entire text of the proposed draft regulation to note other critical revisions.

The full text of the proposed draft amendment is available on the FSSAI's website located at: https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft_Notification_FSS_Licensing_25_11_2020.pdf

Comments should be sent to:

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Details of Draft Regulation:

Publication date on the FSSAI Website: November 25, 2020

Date of Implementation: To be determined

Final date for Comments: 60-days from the date of notification on the WTO website

Attachments:

No Attachments.