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Report Highlights:

On August 29, 2019, the Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued directions related to revisions of the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations. Per FSSAI, the final regulation on Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses will be published within the next six months. In the meantime, FSSAI has extended and re-operationalized the draft regulations with revisions, including major revisions for e-commerce licensing and registration.

General Information:

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FSSAI re-operationalized the draft Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2018 effective August 16, 2019. This is the fourth consecutive extension of the regulation and FSSAI expects to publish the final regulation within the next six months. *[Background: The draft Licensing and Registration of Food Business Regulations were initially operationalized by FSSAI effective February 15, 2018, and subsequently re-operationalized twice on August 16, 2018, and February 28, 2019. Section 18 (2) along with Section 16 (5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 gives power to the Food Authority to make or amend the regulations provided that such regulations shall be in force for not more than six months. Please refer to the [Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006](#) to access the referenced sections].*

The regulation contains amendments for a number of sections which are listed below, and interested readers should carefully read Section I for major revisions for e-commerce licensing and registration.

Section I: Licensing and Registration of e-commerce food business operator (FBO)

Section II: Documents to be enclosed with a new application for a restaurant license to State/Central Licensing Authority

Section III: Conditions of Licensing for restaurants

Section IV: Part of Schedule 4 relating to general requirements on hygienic and sanitary practices to be followed by all FBOs who apply for a license

Section V: Part IV of Schedule 4 relating to establishing a small slaughterhouse

Section VI: Part V of Schedule 4 relating to good hygienic and manufacturing practices by licensed FBOs engaged in catering or food service operations

The full text of FSSAI's August 29 direction is available on its website at: [FSSAI Direction](#)