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Additional Guidelines on FSSAI Logo and License Number

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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued additional guidelines on labeling requirements for imported and domestic food items. These additional guidelines now provide information regarding FSSAI logo and license number placement, color, size, and other requirements.

General Information:

Introduction:

On October 31, 2013, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued additional guidelines on labeling requirements for imported and domestic food items. These additional guidelines now provide information regarding FSSAI logo and license number placement, color, size, and other requirements. Allegedly, FSSAI included stakeholder comments before publishing the new guidelines. Because of this new addition, stakeholders have until July 1, 2014 to comply with FSSAI notification No. 4/15015/30/201.

Background:

On June 7, 2013, FSSAI amended the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011 by including additional labeling requirements in chapter two. The new requirement included adding a mandatory display of the 'license number' with the FSSAI monogram in the principal display panel of food package consignments. Furthermore, the notification stated that existing packaging material could be used until the publication of the final Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Amendment Regulations, 2013. The October 31, 2013 notification provides further amendments to the June 7, 2013 notification, most importantly extending the deadline to comply with the new labeling regulations to July 1, 2014. For more details, please refer to [IN3094](#).

The FSSAI Guidelines relating to logo and license number are listed below and can also be found on FSSAI website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>:

- The FSSAI logo and license number of the brand owner shall be displayed on the label of the food package in color that is in contrast to the background in case of multiple units (manufacturer/packer/relabeller/marketer) as below



The addressee of the multiple units on the label should carry the license number as “LIC No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX”. In addition, the license number of manufacturing unit where product is prepared shall also be displayed along with the lot number.

- In case of imported food products, the importer shall display FSSAI logo and license number along with the name and address of importer on a sticker to be affixed before customs clearance.
- The height of letters and number of license number shall be as prescribed in 2.3.3. of Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulation, 2011
- The Regulation 2.6.1. of Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011

shall be applicable for this provision.

- The display of FSSAI logo on the label of the food product is not a mark of certification but it signifies that the Food Business Operator holds a valid license under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- The license number and the logo are allowed to be displayed on the label until the validity of the license as per regulation 2.1.7 of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011.
- The time period for complying with provisions of the Notification No. 4/15015/30/2011 dated June 7, 2013 is extended up to July 1, 2014.

F.No:4/15015/30/2011
Food Safety and Standard Authority of India,
(Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)
3rd Floor FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road,
New Delhi-110002

Dated: 3rd October, 2013

Subject: Notification No. 4/15015/30/2011 dated 7th June, 2013 relating to the FSSAI license number and logo on the label of the food products,

With reference to the above mentioned notification, the Food Authority after due consideration of various issues raised by the stakeholders is issuing the following guidelines/clarification relating to the FSSAI logo and license number on the label of the food products till further order or notification, whichever is earlier:

- The FSSAI logo and license number of the brand owner shall be displayed on the label of the food package in color that is in contrast to the background in case of multiple units (manufacturer/ packer/ relabeller/ marketer) as below

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Lic. No. XXXXXXXXXXXXX

The addresses of the multiple units on the label should carry the license number as "Lic No. XXXXXXXXXXXXX", in addition, the license number of manufacturing unit where product is prepared shall also be displayed along with the lot number.

- In case of imported food products, the importer shall display FSSAI logo and license number along with the name and address of importer on a sticker to be affixed before customs clearance.
- The height of letters and numeral of license number shall be as prescribed in 2.3.3 of Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulation, 2011.
- The Regulation 2.6.1 of Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011 shall be applicable for this provision.
- The display of FSSAI logo on the label of the food product is not a mark of certification but it signifies that the FBO holds a valid license under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- The license number and the logo are allowed to be displayed on the label until the validity of the license as per regulation 2.1.7 of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration on Food Business) Regulations, 2011
- The time period for complying with provisions of the above mentioned notification is extended up to 31st July, 2014.

This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority by virtue of power conferred on FSSAI under 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.


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To

1. All State/UT Food Safety Commissioner
2. All Do and AD of FSSAI.