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## India

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### **FSSAI Extends Time Period for Renewal of Licenses and Registration**

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Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 25, 2012, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a statutory advisory extending the time period to seek conversion or renewal of existing licenses and registrations by the Food Business Operators (FBOs), by six months until February 4, 2013.

## **General Information:**

**Introduction:** The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a statutory advisory extending the time period to seek conversion or renewal of existing licenses and registrations by the Food Business Operators (FBOs), by six months until February 4, 2013. Earlier, the time period to apply or renew licenses as per the provisions given under clause 2.1.2 of Licensing/Registration of Food Business Regulation, 2011 was August 4, 2012. The full text of the advisory can be accessed at [FSSAI website](#).

## **Background:**

Chapter 2, clause 2.1 of the Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011 requires all Food Business Operators to register or license in accordance with the procedures laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. According to the [Food Safety and Standards \(Licensing and Registration\) Regulations, 2011](#), a food business operator cannot commence any food business unless he possesses a valid FSSAI license. Schedule I of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration) Regulations, 2011 provides a list of food business falling under the purview of Central Licensing Authority. License for commencing or carrying on food business, which are not covered under Schedule 1, shall be granted by the concerned State/UT's Licensing Authority.

## **Schedule 1: List of food business falling under the purview of Central Licensing Authority**

1. Dairy units including milk chilling units equipped to handle or process more than 50,000 litres of liquid milk/day or 2500 MT of milk solid per annum.
2. Vegetable oil processing units and units producing vegetable oil by the process of solvent extraction and refineries including oil expeller units having installed capacity more than 2 MT per day.
3. All slaughter houses equipped to slaughter more than 50 large animals or 150 or more small animals including sheep and goats or 1000 or more birds per day.
4. Meat processing units equipped to handle or process more than 500 kg of meat per day or 150 MT per annum.
5. All food processing units other than mentioned under (I) to (IV) including relabellers and repackers having installed capacity more than 2 MT/day except grains, cereals and pulses milling units.
6. 100 % Export Oriented Units.
7. All Importers importing food items including food ingredients and additives for commercial use.
8. All food business operators manufacturing any article of food containing ingredients or substances or using technologies or processes or combination thereof whose safety has not been established through

these regulations or which do not have a history of safe use or food containing ingredients which are being introduced for the first time into the country.

9. Food Business Operator operating in two or more states.

10. Food catering services in establishments and units under Central government Agencies like Railways, Air and airport, Seaport, Defence, etc.

The text of the advisory is given below.

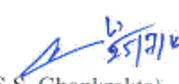
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**Food Safety & Standards Authority of India**  
Ministry of Health & family Welfare

FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road  
New Delhi-110 002  
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**STATUTORY ADVISORY**

Subject: - Extending time period for seeking conversion/ renewal of existing licenses/ registrations granted under the repealed Orders by FBO

As per the provisions given under Clause 2.1.2 of Licensing/ Registration of Food Businesses Regulation, 2011, the food business operator has to apply for conversion / renewal of registration/ license within one year from the date of notification. This time period was to expire on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2012. The approval of the Competent Authority is hereby conveyed for extending <sup>the</sup> time period granted to food business operators for seeking conversion/ renewal of licenses by another six months with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.

  
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