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ROUND-UP OF SIGNIFICANT UPDATES BY FSSAI - 2023

Amendment to FSS (Alcohol Beverage) Regulations:

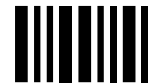


- Category 'malt or grain whisky' has been divided into two separate categories, namely 'single malt whisky' and 'single grain whisky'
- Energy declaration (in 'Kcal') has been allowed on labels of alcoholic beverages – a first in allowing any nutritional claim on an alco-bev label

All labelling deficiencies on imported food consignments are now permitted to be rectified in the customs bonded warehouse, except:

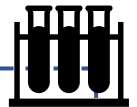


- Lot No. / Code No. / Batch identification;
- Date Marking,
- Country of Origin



Clarification issued that declaration of the address of the brand owner on food labels may be provided either through text or Barcode / GTIN and not necessarily on both.

Lab testing reports to be uploaded by manufacturers:

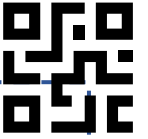


- All manufacturers, including repackers and relabellers shall upload / link six-monthly lab testing reports on FoSCoS, w.e.f. FY 2022-23.
- Last date for uploading / linking of reports for April 2022-23 is 31.03.2023. Thereafter, the last date for April to September shall be 31st October of that year and for October to March shall be 30th April of that year.



Ease of Doing Business – On Licensing / Registration:

- Provision has been made for instant renewal of license / registration without scrutiny or approval of concerned authority, subject to certain conditions
- Validity of new licenses are restricted to 1 year and registration is for 1-5 years based on the selection and payment made by FBO
- Staggered payment of application fee for FSSAI license to prevent losses in initial stages to new business / start-ups
- Provision made to reactivate auto rejected licensing / registration applications on FoSCoS portal due to non-response to queries within stipulated timeline, subject to certain conditions



Inclusion of QR Codes on Food Products for accessibility by visually impaired individuals

- Advisory issued to FBOs to incorporate provisions that facilitate easy access to nutritional information for visually impaired individuals.
- One of the suggested effective means to this is incorporation of quick response (QR) Codes on product labels which will encompass comprehensive details about the product, including but not limited to ingredients, nutritional information, allergens, manufacturing date, best before/expiry, contact information for customer inquiries.
- Note that this is not a mandatory requirement.

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