

FSSAI extends deadline for compliance norms for traditional sweets

In a relief for traditional sweet makers, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has decided to extend the deadline for enforcement of certain mandatory compliance norms for non-packaged sweets. This has been done as businesses are facing challenges due to the lockdown.

In case of pre-packaged and packaged sweets, "Best Before Date" and "Date of Manufacturing" is already mandatory according to the FSS (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations 2011. Meanwhile, for loose sweets the "Best Before Date" will be needed to be displayed on the labels of containers, in-line with the nature of ingredients used in the sweets and local conditions from August 1.

Licenses requiring renewal during March 22 to May 31, 2020, have been allowed a penalty waiver and grace period till June 30, while annual returns deadline has been deferred till July 31.

Among various other measures recently taken by the food safety authority in view of the pandemic include allowing FBOs in the logistics supply chains to temporarily operate their businesses on the basis of a valid receipt of FSSAI license or registration application.

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