



Selected 'News' for you



and collection of used cooking oil; applicable to Food Business Operators consuming more than 50 litres of edible oil per day; effective immediately

FSSAI revises format for maintaining record of disposal

Labour Ministry further extends the public utility service status granted to industries engaged in food stuffs as public utility services till 28th August, 2022

<u>Amendments to Legal Metrology Packaged Commodities</u> <u>Rules, 2022 kick in; extends timeline to comply with</u> <u>new labelling requirements till 01.10.2022</u>



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> <u>FSSAI issues SOP for mandatory modification of old</u> <u>methodology license or migration of State license for</u> <u>manufacturing of Nutraceuticals and related products;</u> <u>effective immediately</u>

Some 'Key' regulatory updates this month



RBI launches UPI for Feature Phones (UPI123pay) and 24x7 Helpline for Digital Payments (DigiSaathi) to accelerate the process of digital adoption in India, by creating a richer and inclusive ecosystem



SEBI does away with requirement for Top 500 listed entities to ensure Chairperson of their board is a nonexecutive director and not related to the MD/CEO; also revises Schedule on Corporate Governance

Govt. rolls out Draft Uniform Code for Medical Devices Marketing Practices (a voluntary code for Indian Medical Device Industry); invites public comments within 15.04.2022



Ministry of Power issues Guidelines on Planning of Communication System for Inter-State Transmission System; applies to communication system for ISTS only

Keeping abreast with 'Regulatory Changes' is critical

*From 1st to 31st March 2022, our updates team issued 398 updates across all sectors (State/Central, Labour, EHS, Operational, Fiscal. etc.). Contact us for more information on our Updates service.

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We are happy to share our Compliance Calendar for April 2022. <u>Click here</u> to

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Our latest 'Blog' on



The deadline to meet the Mandatory Compliance laid down under the recent amendments to Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 is 1st July 2022. These Amendments are bound to increase the compliance burden on Food Business Operators while extremely consumer-oriented aiding them to make informed healthy choices.

In this blog, we are going to highlight the key labeling compliances that the Food Business Operators must comply with...Read the blog.

Some news 'Snippets' for popular sources

FMCG Companies find a way through the metaverse

FMCG Manufacturers see immense potential in the area of metaverse and trying to make sure that they have a strong presence in this space. **Source:** Economic Times

Delhi HC dismisses Red Bull's plea for injunction against Pepsi

The Delhi High Court has dismissed Red Bull's injunction application against Pepsico from using the tagline "Stimulates Mind, Energizes the body" for its energy drink "Sting". **Source:** Lokmat Times

FMCG sales loose momentum, but grow 18% on year

The price hike and higher sales of packaged foods and commodities have expanded upto 18%.

Source: Economic Times

ITC moves beyond plastic neutrality

ITC has successfully moved beyond plastic neutrality through a large scale and integrated solid waste management programme. **Source:** The Times Of India

FMCG CEOs see inflation eating into volumes

The CEOs of listed companies are harping on the fact that rising inflation is expected to hit the demand for fast-moving consumer goods. **Source:** Economic Times

MDH denies move to sell biz to HUL

MDH Pvt. Ltd. cleared its stance and stated that they are not planning to sell their business to FMCG Major, i.e., HUL. **Source:** Tribune India

Full Disclosure Of Food Articles Being Veg Or Non-Veg Is Fundamental Rights U/Art 21, 25: Delhi High Court

Ram Gaua Raksha Dal Vs Union Of India & Ors: *WRIT - W.P.(C) 12055/2021*

In the matter between Ram Gaua Raksha Dal and Union of India and Ors.

The Delhi High Court (Court) rules that all food business operators (FBO's) must make a complete disclosure of all components and measurements used in a food product. This should include information about whether the substances are derived from plants or animals.

Court ruled that everyone has the right to know what they are eating.

Order was passed on the plea filed by Petitioner Ram Gaua Raksha Dal, a nongovernmental organisation. The Petitioner contended that food products on the market are not clearly labelled as plant or animal-derived, in turn breaching the right of people who practise strict vegetarianism.

Taking note of the plea, Court directed that food business operators need to ensure strict adherance to food labelling standards or risk legal action.

The Bench comprising Hon'ble Justive Vipin Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh made it clear that the percentage of an ingredient, whether plant or animal-derived, used in the production of a food item was irrelevant, because even a trace of a non-vegetarian ingredient rendered the product non-vegetarian, offending the religious sentiments of strict vegetarians and interfering with their right to freely profess, practise, and propagate their religion and belief.

The Bench further opined that every person has a right to know as to what he/she is consuming, and nothing can be offered to the person on a platter by resort to deceit, or camouflage.

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