Virtual meeting with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, 23 November 2022 and the European Commission, EU Delegation, EU Member States, and business organizations in the EU

FSSAI Registration of Food Manufacturing Facilities

Questions put ahead of the meeting and answered during the meeting by the FSSAI

Topics	Question Date	Question	Answer date	Answers by the FSSAI*
Product Scope	17/11/2022	Referring to the food categories listed in the FSSAI Order of 10 October 2022 (milk and milk products; meat and meat products, including poultry, fish and their products; egg powder; infant food; nutraceuticals), could the FSSAI confirm that establishment registration is not required for establishments producing gelatin and collagen hydrolyzed according to FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (FOOD PRODUCTS STANDARDS AND FOOD ADDITIVES), REGULATIONS (2011), Chapter 2 FOOD PRODUCT STANDARDS, Section 2.5 MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS, (d) "meat food products" that exclude animal gelatin.	23/11/2022	Meat products does not include gelatine and collagen.
Product Scope	17/11/2022	Referring to the food categories listed in the FSSAI Order of 10 October 2022 (milk and milk products; meat and meat products, including poultry, fish and their products; egg powder; infant food; nutraceuticals), could the FSSAI confirm that <u>Collagen and its hydrolysed</u> <u>peptides</u> producing establishments must be registered?	23/11/2022	The FSSAI referred to the definition of products included in the respective Regulation.
Product Scope	09/11/2022	Referring to the food categories milk and milk products and meat and meat products could the FSSAI indicate whether there are restrictions regarding the animal species the food is derived from?	23/11/2022	The FSSAI referred to the definition of products included in the respective Regulation. The details regarding permitted species is mentioned in the Regulation itself.
Lists of establishments	09/11/2022	Could FSSAI clarify which types of establishments classify as "Manufacturing Facilities" e.g.manufacturing plants, processing plants and slaughterhouses, but not cold-/dry storage facilities and traders?	23/11/2022	The term "facilities" (to be registered) relate to manufacturing and processing facilities only, i.e. slaughterhouses are included but dry- storage and traders are excluded.

Lists of establishments	09/11/2022	 Referring to the lists of establishments: Are further registrations possible after the transmission of the lists of establishments? Is it possible to send notifications of changes after the transmission if the lists of establishments for companies whose company data or export products have changed? 	23/11/2022	The lists are dynamic and may be updated at any time by the competent authorities of the exporting countries, i.e. facilities can be added or removed. The FSSAI's amendment process (including via its Portal) should not take more than 48 - 72 hours.
Lists of establishments	28/10/2022	 Referring to the lists of establishments and form included in the FSSAI Order of 10 October 2022, could the FSSAI confirm that: The lists of establishments should be sent to the FSSAI by the competent authorities of the exporting countries? If the answer to the previous question is affirmative, if the competent authorities of the exporting countries can send the lists of establishments in one single document (using the form requested by the FSSAI's Order of 10 October 2022)? 	23/11/2022	Yes, the lists of establishments must only be sent to the FSSAI by the competent authorities of the exporting countries – <u>one country</u> , <u>one list (with all establishments, not a document per establishment), using the same form</u> . The FSSAI confirmed that the contacts to which the lists of establishments have to be sent to at the FSSAI and that the above- mentioned form are included in the Order of 10 October 2022.

Requirements	28/10/2022	 Referring to the food categories listed in the FSSAI Order of 10 October 2022 for the registration of establishments, could the FSSAI: List the import legislation that is associated to the registration of each of the above-mentioned food categories, i.e. the legislation that needs to be complied with by the competent authorities and establishments in the exporting countries; Publish consolidated versions of the above mentioned legislation; Make the above mentioned legislation available online? 	23/11/2022	The FSSA confirmed that in 2021 it amended its Regulation creating a legal obligation for the registration of facilities, and that all the FSSAI Regulations are included in the FSSAI's website. As on date FSSAI simply requires list of manufacturing establishments. Therefore, the FSSAI will rely on the assurances provided by the competent authority of the exporting country that the facilities related to the five categories of products included in the lists sent to the FSSAI comply with the food safety requirements.
Product Scope	28/10/2022	Referring to the food categories listed in the FSSAI Order of 10 October 2022 (milk and milk products; meat and meat products, including poultry, fish and their products; egg powder; infant food; nutraceuticals), could the FSSAI provide the list of HS product codes associated to each of the mentioned food categories?	23/11/2022	The FSSAI will upload in its website the list of HS product codes related to the registration of each of the five category of food facilities and will share the respective link, as soon as possible.
Products - Milk and Milk Products	28/10/2022	Referring to "milk and milk products" as one of the food categories listed in the FSSAI Order of 10 October 2022, could the FSSAI confirm that "milk and milk products" are the ones defined in the FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (FOOD PRODUCTS STANDARDS AND FOOD ADDITIVES) REGULATIONS, 2011?	23/11/2022	Yes.

Lists of establishments	28/10/2022	 Referring to the lists of establishsments mentioned in the FSSAI Order of 10 October 2022, could the FSSAI indicate: When such lists will be made available in the FSSAI portal; If the access will be public or restricted (i.e. with the use of an account); If the access to the portal will be restricted, who will have to it? 	23/11/2022	The FSSAI will include the updated lists of food manufacturing facilities in its Portal (as soon as the lists are received from the competent authorities of the exporting countries), which will be accessible to the public. FSSAI will provide the link to the Portal in due time, i.e., as soon as possible. The Portal will ensure that the lists of establishments sent by the competent authorities of the exporting countries to the FSSAI have been well received at the FSSAI and exports to India can take place. The competent authorities of the Member States that have not yet done so, should send the lists to the FSSAI as soon as possible.
Date of Entering Into Force	28/10/2022	Referring to the date of entering into force of the requirements related to the registration of establishments (1 February 2023) that is mentioned in the FSSAI Order of 10 October 2022, could the FSSAI clarify if the mentioned date corresponds to the "date of arrival in India" or the "date of departure from the exporting countries"?	23/11/2022	Date of arrival in India.

Questions put during the meeting of 23/11/2022

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Product Scope	23/11/2022	What is the meaning, according to the FSSAI, of the term "food supplements"?	23/11/2022	The definition is mentioned in the Nutraceutical Regulation, 2016
Product Scope	23/11/2022	How to handle products not covered by the scope of neither of the compendiums?	23/11/2022	If a product is not covered in the respective Regulation, then, it does not require registration of manufacturing establishment.
Product Scope	23/11/2022	Could the FSSAI confirm that the registration of manufacturing facilities relates to food for human consumption only (i.e, it is not related to feed)?	23/11/2022	Yes, the registration of manufacturing facilities relates to food for human consumption only.

* The answers included in this document were confirmed in writing by the FSSAI on 24 November 2022.