

File No. 1(56)2012/ Advisory/ FSSAI
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(Enforcement Division)
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi - 110002

The 26th March, 2015

Subject: Introduction of Self declaration system to substitute affidavits in the Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses - reg.

With reference to Licensing and Registration Regulations, the Food Business operators (FBOs) are required to submit 'Affidavits' on Non-judicial Paper for attainment of Licenses.

2. In view of the order of the Government of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide O.M. No. Z.17015/1/2014-CDN-I dated 17th October, 2014 regarding the abolition of affidavits and promotion of self-certification and recognising the need for ease of business in this behalf, the Food authority has decided to substitute the 'Affidavit' with an 'Undertaking by way of Self Declaration' vide its order No. Z-16011/14/2014-E&A (Pt) dated 31st December, 2014.

3. Pursuant to the same, it is hereby informed that the 'Affidavit' as required to be submitted along with the application for Licensing and Registration hitherto, is hereby substituted with an 'Undertaking' on a plain paper. The formats for following undertaking are enclosed:-

Sl. No.	Prevalent Affidavits for Licensing & Registration	Proposed Undertaking formats
1.	Affidavit for Food Safety Management System (FSMS) as per the advisory no. 1(56) 2012/Advisory/FSSAI dated 02.04.2012	Annexure 1
2.	Affidavit for Proprietorship as mentioned in the list documents required to be submitted by FBOs in FLRS.	Annexure 2


4. Additionally, for a hassle free application process one new undertaking is hereby introduced. The format for the proposed undertaking is enclosed:-

Sl. No.	New Undertakings	Undertaking format
1.	Undertaking from FBOs who are repacking food products including agricultural commodities like rice, pulses, fruits & vegetables etc. and procuring raw material from different manufacturers, licensed food vendors and local mandis.	Annexure 3

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5. Accordingly, the FBOs applying for Licensing and Registration are requested to enclose the Undertaking by way of self-declaration as a replacement to the notarized Affidavit with immediate effect. The Licensing Division will not accept the notarized affidavits after **31st March, 2015**.

This order issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Bimal Kumar Dubey)
Director (Enforcement)

To

(i) All Central Licensing Authorities for compliance

(ii) All Food Safety Commissioners of States/UTs for their kind information

Annexure - 1

(Replacing affidavit as required by Advisory No. 1(56)2012/Advisory/FSSAI dated 02.04.2012)

Declaration regarding Food Safety Management System (FSMS)
(To be given on the Letterhead of the FBO/Firm/Company)

I/We, _____, as [Proprietor/ Partner/ Director/ Authorised Signatory of M/S _____], located at _____ of _____ <Name of the State/UT> _____, hereby declare that:

1. I am/ We are an applicant for new license/ conversion of existing license/ modification of existing license/ renewal of existing license under the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSS Act), 2006.
2. The nature of business of my/our firm is (fill in whatever is applicable):
 - (a) Manufacturer/Repacker of _____<Name of product(s)>_____ (as mentioned in the product description of the online Form B);
 - (b) Importer of food products allowed under the FSS Act, 2006 and the Rules and Regulations thereunder;
 - (c) Storage/Retail/Hotel/Restaurant of _____<Name of the broad categories as mentioned in the product description of the online Form B> _____ .
3. I/ We have a food safety plan to ensure that the articles of food, as mentioned above, satisfy the requirements of the FSS Act, 2006 and the Rules and Regulations thereunder.
4. I/ We further undertake that I/ We shall put in place a Food Safety Management System (FSMS) and get the same certified from an Accredited Agency as soon as the Accredited agencies are notified by the Food Authority;
5. Our facility shall comply with the general hygiene and sanitary requirements as mentioned in the Schedule 4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food business) Regulations, 2011.

	Signatures of the Authorised Signatory with Stamp/ Seal
	Name: _____
Place: _____	Address: _____
Date: _____	Contact Nos: _____