

Dated, the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

**Subject: Direction under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding Licensing of FBOs manufacturing/re-packing Fresh/Surface-treated/Minimally processed Fruits & Vegetables -reg.**

Reference is drawn from FSS (Food Products Standards and Food additives) Regulations 2011, with respect to the Food Category for fresh fruits and vegetables and FSSAI Order No. 15(31)2020/FoSCoS/RCD/FSSAI dated 28.05.2020 wherein selection based approach for Standardized Food Products while applying for FSSAI license (only for Manufacturer/Processors) was explained.

2. In this regard, representations were received from the stake holders stating that due to unavailability of food category mapped with the food products such as fresh fruits and vegetables including minimally processed fruits & vegetables and surface treated fruits & vegetables on FoSCoS, the FBOs are not being able to apply for license under manufacturing/ re-packing kind of businesses for these products. On examining the matter, it is found that due to unavailability of standards for these products in FSSR, these products have not been listed in standardized products list along with their respective food categories on FoSCoS.

3. Therefore, in order to avoid unnecessary hurdle and to facilitate the trade, as an interim measure, the following food categories are being made available for licensing under General Manufacturing kind of business on FoSCoS with immediate effect:

Srl. No	Food Category	Food Products
1	4.1.1.1: Untreated fresh fruits	Untreated fresh fruits
2	4.1.1.2: Surface-treated fresh fruits	Surface-treated fresh fruits
3	4.1.1.3: Peeled or cut, minimally processed fruit	Peeled or cut, minimally processed fruit
4	4.2.1.1: Untreated fresh vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes (including soybeans), and aloe vera), seaweeds, and nuts and seeds	Untreated fresh vegetables
5	4.2.1.2: Surface-treated fresh vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweeds, and nuts and seeds	Surface-treated fresh vegetables
6	4.2.1.3: Peeled, cut or shredded minimally processed vegetables [(including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, fresh pulses and legumes, and aloe vera) sea weeds, nuts and seeds	Peeled, cut or shredded minimally processed vegetables

**Note:** The descriptors of these food categories are given in FSS (Food Products Standards and Food additives) Regulations 2011 which may be referred while applying/issuance of License.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested with Food Authority under section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

  
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