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Food Safety and Standards Authority
(Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)

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As per Section 22 of FSS Act, 2006, Schedule 1 of FSS Regulation 2.1.2(3), Section 16 of FSS Act, 2006, Section 18 of FSS Act, 2006 and as per schedule 1 the Food safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 provide that all food business operators manufacturing any article of food containing ingredients or substances or using technologies or processes or combination thereof whose safety has not been established through these regulations or which do not have a history of safe or food containing ingredients which are being introduced for the first time into the country need to apply for product approval before applying for licence.

Applications from manufacturers / importers of products / ingredients may be sent for product approval in the prescribed format with the fees of Rs. 25,000/- (non-refundable) Payable to Senior Accounts Officer, FSSAI, with soft copies of dossier along with a Executive Summary documents (not limited to)

- 1) Notarized Rs. 100/- stamp paper affidavit
- 2) Copy of label
- 3) Safety data

Product Approval is based on categories as prescribed by FSSAI in "Indian Food Codes dated 25/06/2012". For the permitted variations of products under the same category, Separate "Product Approval" need not be applied for.

Also, if authority has already received an application for a product or NOC issued, other FBO's manufacturing/ importing the exact product need not apply for product approval. The list of Product Approval application received and in process and the NOC already issued are listed out on FSSAI website under Product Approval section.

Provisional NOC will be issued for one year in case of existing licence holders/ importers for proprietary food products/ ingredients and also for new products/ ingredients which have had a proven record for safety for human consumption in other countries.

Products/ ingredients which are absolutely new and have never been used in any country and their safety assessment has not been carried out shall not be issued a provisional NOC. Their applications will be forwarded to the Scientific Panel/ Scientific Committee.

Manufacturers of traditional food and local cuisine like Atta, Suji, Dal, Savouries like Somasa, Bhujia, Gulabjamun etc., which are most commonly used by the consumers need not to submit their applications for product approval as a propriety food.

Application complete in all respect shall be placed before Product Approval Screening Committee on a weekly basis for consideration.

On the basis of the NOC issued by the Product Approval Screening Committee, Central/ State Licencing Officer will issue licence for manufacturing on the basis of turnover of the company. Import Licence shall be issued by the Central Designated Officer.

All license holders who were issued licenses previously under the Acts or Orders mentioned in the Second Schedule of the FSS Act shall be allowed to continue with their business including import for which such licences have been issued while there application for Product Approval in the prescribed format are processed for issue of an NOC or final approval.

 06/08/2012
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Director (Product Approval)

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