



### **RETURNS UNDER FSSAI (Food safety and Standards Authority of India) (Food license)**

Clause 2.1.13 (1) of Food Safety & Standards (Licensing & Registration of food businesses) Regulation, 2011 mandates:

“Every Manufacturer and Importer who has been issued a license shall on before 31<sup>st</sup> May of each year, submit a return electronically or in physical form prescribed by the concerned Food Safety Commissioner, in ‘Form D-1’ provided in schedule 2 of these Regulations to the Licensing Authority in respect of each class of food products handled by him during the previous financial year”

#### **Mandatory online submission of Annual Return by food businesses w.e.f. FY 2020-21**

As per Order No.15(31)2020/FoSCoS/RCD/FSSAI dated 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020, online submission of Annual returns on **Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS-<https://foscoss.fssai.gov.in>)** shall be made mandatory for food businesses involved in manufacturing and importing of food products w.e.f. F.Y 2020-21 (window for return filing for FY 2020-21 will open w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 onwards) and would further lead to following benefits:-

- The food business need not maintain receipts and records of physical nature.
- FBO’s (Food business operator) shall be saved from inadvertent penalties
- Reminders for submission of annual returns would be sent digitally.
- Country/State-wise analysis of data would be possible.
- Updated data would be available, as till now all analysis of data provided by the food businesses at the time of obtaining of license.
- For food businesses involved in manufacturing of milk and milk products, the half-yearly return(Form D2) shall be discontinued. They shall be required to file the annual return for manufacturers as per the revised format online.
- The new returns are compliance specific and based on conditions of license and clauses as laid down in the existing Food Safety and Standards Regulation.

## Penalty for Delay in filing of Return

As per Clause 2.1.13 (3) of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of food businesses) Regulation 2011, any delay in filing a return beyond prescribed date of each year shall attract penalty of Rs 100 per day of the delay.

## Entities exempted from FSSAI Annual Return

- Restaurants
- Fast food joints
- Canteens
- Grocery stores

## Extension of online submission of annual return

Mandatory online submission of Annual return (F.Y 2020-21) by manufacturers and Importers through FoSCoS. (<https://foscoss.fssai.gov.in/>) is extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Source:** Refer to link for order below.

**Order\_Mandatory\_Annual\_Return\_FBO\_2020.pdf**

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