



Product Approval Division

File No. P. 15017/01/2015-FSSAI/PA

12th February 2015

Subject: Abolition of affidavits and promotion of self-certification - regarding.

All the FBOs applying for Product Approvals in the FSSAI are aware that they are required to submit an 'Affidavit' on Non-judicial Paper as part of documents in support their application.

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

3. Pursuant to the said decision, it is hereby informed that the 'Affidavit', as required to be submitted along with the application for Product Approval hitherto, is hereby substituted with an 'Undertaking' on a plain paper as per the format as enclosed.

4. Accordingly, the Food Business Operators applying for Product Approval are requested to enclose the Undertaking by way of self declaration as a replacement to the notarized Affidavit with immediate effect. The Product Approval Division will not accept the notarized affidavits after 1st March, 2015.

This order issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

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Undertaking by way of Self Declaration

I/We, owner/ FBO/ authorised person <strike off whatever is not applicable>, the applicant, Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____ <Name of the applicant>, S/o, D/o, W/o Shri _____ of _____ <name and address of the company/legal entity>, am intending to import/importing/intending to manufacture/ manufacturing or _____ <specify other reason(s) if any> for this application.

2. I/We hereby notify that the following person(s), (if any), are also duly authorised by the applicant(s) to represent or to communicate on my/our behalf <Please indicate names and relation with applicant>.

3. I/We and our principles {in case of applicant is/are authorised person(s)}, have gone through and understood the provisions of FSS Act, 2006, Rules, Regulations thereunder and all the latest applicable advisories/guidelines and undertake to keep abreast with all the communications including any modifications/ clarifications/ additions/ alterations to the existing provisions as published on the website from time to time and further undertake to follow and comply with all the above read together.

4. In case the applicant is an authorised person,

(i) I/We have been duly authorised by the principles to represent them for the purposes of this application (Please attach/upload the supporting documents) AND I /our principles also undertake that they shall be bound and be responsible for all acts and deeds done by me/us either orally or in writing or by any other means of communication (Please attach/upload the relevant documents).

(ii) I/we and our principles understand that the Authority interacts with the applicant(s) on the presumption that they are the duly authorised person(s). It shall be sole responsibility of my principles to inform the FSSAI regarding any change in this status. The Authority shall not be liable for the consequences, if any, accruing out of such non communication.

(a) I/We have applied for Product Approval for _____ vide Application dated _____;

- (b) I/We and my/our principles have read and understood the terms of the Guidelines dated 11.05.2013 issued by the FSSAI and that my/our Application conforms to the requirements thereunder and that my/our Application falls under category 1a/1b/1c/1d (include the product category under which the Application has been made) of the Guidelines dated 11.05.2013.
- (c) I/We and my/our principles understand that the evaluation of the Product, being a scientific process, shall take time and as such, no specific time schedule can be fixed for the same.
- (d) I/We and my/our principles understand and realise that food business involves responsibility and technical expertise on the part of Food Business Operator in terms of FSS Act, 2006 including Section 48. That the responsibility is even more for products for which the safety is yet to be assessed and determined with respect to the consumers in India i.e. the product for which this application is being made.
- (e) I/We further declare that that I/We/our principles have not been convicted and no court case or investigation is pending for contravention of any provision of any food related laws or for offences involving moral turpitude. (In the alternate details may be annexed).
- (f) I/We further declare that we have a recall plan including maintenance of the records of traceability upto the last user.
- (g) I/We undertake that the information provided in this present declaration and application form are true and correct and nothing material has been withheld therefrom. I/We and my principles are aware that any wrong information or withholding any material information will result in automatic closure of the application.

Signature and Seal

Date:

Place:

Please Note:

- The words used in this Undertaking will have the same meaning as defined in the FSS Act 2006, Rules and Regulations thereunder;
- Applicants are advised to visit the FSSAI website for latest updates/ amendments, if any, in force at the time of submission of application so as to ensure that the same is in compliance with the regulations.