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Annual Return Submission by the Food
Business

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FSSAI - ANNUAL RETURN SUBMISSION BY THE FOOD BUSINESS

Applicability:

Applicable to all food business operators, including manufacturers (including Repackers and Relabellers), importers, and manufacturer-exporters.

The FSSAI in reference to the Clause 2.1.13 of FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 specifies the condition for submission of annual returns by the food businesses by May 31st of each year.

- Annual returns for food businesses must be submitted by May 31st of each year for activities conducted during the previous financial year.
- Annual returns must be submitted online through FoSCoS (Food Safety Compliance System).
- Non-submission after May 31st incurs a penalty of Rs. 100 per day, starting from June 1st.
- The maximum penalty is 5 times the annual license fee.
- There's provision for filing a Revised Annual Return without fee if revised by 31st May, and with a fee if revised between 1st June and 31st March of the following year, as per FSSAI Order dated 8th January 2024.
- Food business operators are advised to strictly adhere to the filing timeline. Requests for penalty waiver due to delay or non-submission will not be considered.
- Food business operators can seek help from Food Safety Mitra for assistance in filing annual returns at a fixed charge of Rs. 500 and details of Food Safety Mitra can be obtained from FoSCoS Homepage.

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