

FREE CHECKLIST · 2026

# Stay Licensed in 2026

9 things that can still suspend an FSSAI licence or cost you lakhs — and the 10-minute check for each.

Since 10 March 2026 an FSSAI licence no longer expires. Most owners heard that and relaxed. But a licence can still be suspended — with no notice — or cost a business lakhs, over things nobody reminds you about.

Nobody opens a kitchen, a bakery or a factory to read gazette notifications, so we did it for you. Each check below says what goes wrong, how to check it yourself in about ten minutes, and the rule it comes from — so you can see it for yourself rather than take our word for it.

## How to use it

Work down the list with your FoSCoS login, one pack and your files. Tick the box when a check passes. Anything unticked is a gap — the last page says what to do about it.

## 1

### Your annual fee

#### WHAT GOES WRONG

Since 10 March 2026 a licence no longer expires — but an unpaid annual fee means it is deemed suspended, with no notice.

#### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ Log in to FoSCoS and open your licence. Find the last fee payment and your grant date. The next fee falls due on the anniversary of grant.

Rule: Reg. 2.1.7(2), as substituted 10.03.2026

## 2

### Your annual return (Form D-1)

#### WHAT GOES WRONG

Licensed manufacturers and importers file a return for the previous year by 31 May; a delay costs ₹100 a day, and a missed return also triggers deemed suspension.

#### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ On FoSCoS, check the returns tab for last year's filing. If you make or import, and nothing is there, it is overdue.

Rule: Reg. 2.1.13(1) and (3)

## 3

### The kind of business on your certificate

#### WHAT GOES WRONG

A licence covers only the kinds of business written on it. Adding an activity, or crossing a turnover band in the table updated 01.04.2026, can leave you on the wrong licence — which counts as trading without one.

#### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ Read the kind-of-business lines on your certificate aloud. Does every product and activity you run today appear there? Is this year's turnover inside your tier's band?

Rule: FSSAI kind-of-business table, 01.04.2026 · FSS Act s.63

## 4

### Every mandatory element on your label

#### WHAT GOES WRONG

A pack missing one required element is misbranded. The penalty goes up to ₹3 lakh, and the fix is a reprint.

#### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ Hold one pack. Tick the fifteen elements: name, ingredients, nutrition, veg/non-veg mark, allergens, additives, business name and address, licence number, net quantity, lot, dates, MRP, origin for imports, instructions, and the FSSAI logo.

Rule: Labelling & Display Regulations 2020, reg. 5 · FSS Act s.52

## 5 The words on the front of your pack

### WHAT GOES WRONG

“Natural”, “healthy”, “immunity”, “100%”, “no added sugar” — each is a claim with conditions. A misleading claim or advertisement carries up to ₹10 lakh.

### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ List every claim on the pack, website and marketplace listing. For each, ask: what exactly is the rule that allows it? If you can't name it, flag it.

Rule: Advertising & Claims Regulations 2018 · FSS Act s.53

## 6 Your six-monthly product test

### WHAT GOES WRONG

For manufacturers and importers, testing at least once in six months at an FSSAI-notified or NABL lab is a condition of the licence itself.

### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ Find your last two lab reports. Are both dated within the last six months, and do they cover each product you sell?

Rule: Schedule 2, Annexure 3, condition 12

## 7 Water that goes into food

### WHAT GOES WRONG

Water used in food or on food-contact surfaces is expected to be tested — every six months under FSMS guidance for kitchens and factories.

### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ Find the last water test report for each premises and check its date.

Rule: Schedule 4, Part II · FSMS guidance

## 8 Your people: medicals and FoSTaC

### WHAT GOES WRONG

Food handlers need a yearly medical fitness certificate, and you need one FoSTaC-trained supervisor for every 25 handlers, at all times.

### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ Count your food handlers and divide by 25 (round up). Do you have that many trained supervisors on the rolls today, and a current fitness certificate for every handler?

Rule: Schedule 4, Part II 10.1.2 · FSSAI order 02.11.2017

## 9 What's on the wall and in the file

### WHAT GOES WRONG

Every premises must show the Food Safety Display Board with its licence number, and records must be kept for one year or the product's shelf life, whichever is longer.

### YOUR 10-MINUTE CHECK

- ☐ Walk to your entrance: is the board up and is the number right? Then pull one register from a year ago — is it there?

Rule: FSSAI order 19.09.2018 · Schedule 4, Part II 8.2

## Here's what happens next.

An honest food business should never be shut down by paperwork. If a box above is unticked, it can usually be put right quickly — the sooner, the better.

1

### **Book a free 10-minute check**

Tell us what you do. We confirm the exact kind of business, the licence and the full cost — including the exceptions most people miss.

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2

### **We file it on your login**

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**Fixed fee, in writing**

3

### **We keep you licensed**

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