**NOTIFICATION**  
**Jammu, 2**\(^{nd}** February, 2012**

Whereas, Food Safety & Standard Act, 2006, Rules, 2011 & Regulations, 2011 came into effect w.e.f. 5\(^{th}\) August, 2011;

Whereas, under Section 31 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 read with Food Safety & Standards (Licensing & Registration of Food Businesses), Regulations, 2011 all Food Business Operators are to be registered or licensed in accordance with the procedures laid down in the said Regulations;

Whereas, under Rule 1.2.1(5) of the Food Safety & Standards Regulations, 2011, the definition of “Registering Authority” means Designated Officer / Food Safety Officer or official in Panchayat, Municipal Corporation or any other local body or Panchayat in an area, notified as such by the State Food Safety Commissioner for the purpose of registration as specified in these Regulations;

Whereas, the matter regarding Notification of Registering Authority was deliberated in the 5\(^{th}\) Meeting of Central Advisory Committee constituted by Food Authority under Section 11 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006;

Whereas, minutes of the 5\(^{th}\) Meeting of Central Advisory Committee of FSSAI were released vide No. Dir.(F&VP)/43/CAC/FSSAI/09 dated 15.11.2011 and it was opined as under :-

“Both the DO and FSO are claiming the jurisdiction for Registration Authority and it was clarified by CEO that Registration Authority will be near as to the FBO and can facilitate easy approach so the FSO may be appropriate for Registration Authority”;

Whereas, the said minutes were later confirmed by Central Advisory Committee vide letter No. Dir.(F&VP)/43/CAC/FSSAI/09-Vol.II dated 18.01.2012

Whereas, the matter regarding Notification of Registering Authority was also taken up with the Administrative Department vide this Office letter No.DFO/PFA/J/109/8536 dated 15.11.2011 for taking a consensus decision in the matter;

Whereas, a meeting was convened in the Health Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Health & Medical Education Department, J&K, Jammu on 01.02.2012 to discuss the issue and it was decided that Food Safety Officers shall be the appropriate functionaries for Notification as Registering Authority;
Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Rule 1.2.1(5) and Rule 1.2.1(6) of the Food Safety & Standards (Licensing & Registration of Food Businesses), Regulations, 2011, the Commissioner of Food Safety, J&K State hereby notifies the Food Safety Officers working in Drugs & Food Control Organization, J&K, Municipal Corporations and Local Bodies of J&K State as Registering Authority and Designated Officers as Licensing Authority respectively for such local areas assigned to them by virtue of Administrative Orders.

Sd/-
(SATISH GUPTA)
Commissioner of Food Safety,
J&K, Jammu


1. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Health & Medical Education Department, Jammu
2. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu / Kashmir
3. Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety Standard Authority of India, FDA Bhawan, New Delhi
4. District Development Commissioner (All) _____________________
5. Director, Health Services, Jammu / Kashmir
6. Director, Local Bodies, Jammu / Kashmir
7. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu / Kashmir
8. Joint Director, Information, Jammu with the request to publish the notification in all the leading dailies of the State.
10. Dy. Commissioner of Food Safety, Jammu / Kashmir
11. Assistant Controller Food(Designated Officer) _____________________ (All)
13. Food Safety Officer (All)____________________________ for compliance and with the direction that they shall seek prior approval for all the registrations of Food Business Operators issued by them in their respective jurisdiction from the Designated Officer concerned and maintain records of the same in triplicate.
14. Office File
15. Website