

ISSUE NO-01 | OCT 2023-DEC 2023



ICMA NEWS

Newsletter of Indian Confectionery Manufacturers Association



**A SNEAK PEEK OF WHAT'S
INSIDE:**

*Annual General Meeting of ICMA
Regulatory Updates and more*

Welcome to the latest edition of ICMA Newsletter, your go-to source for all confectionery things! As we enter the new year, we're thrilled to share the latest industry updates, trends, and highlights from our vibrant confectionery community.

Happy New Year

**MAY THE COMING YEAR BE AS DELIGHTFUL AND SWEET AS OUR
CONFECTIONS, BRINGING A TAPESTRY OF JOY AND SUCCESS TO ALL OUR
ESTEEMED MEMBERS.**

www.icma.group

OUR PEOPLE

Welcome to the Newsletter of ICMA

Message from the President

Dear Members,

As we bid farewell to 2023 and greet the sweet possibilities of 2024, I extend my warmest New Year wishes to you and your loved ones from the Indian Confectionery Manufacturer Association (ICMA).

The past year has been a symphony of challenges and triumphs. We braved challenges with resilience and celebrated new leadership with collective pride. Your unwavering commitment to excellence has cemented ICMA's position as the voice of the Indian confectionery industry, and I take immense gratitude for leading such a dedicated community.

As we step into the new year, our vision remains steadfast – to create a future where Indian confectionery delights the world with its innovation, diversity, and unwavering commitment to quality.

In 2024, we will remain actively engaged in advocating for favorable policies, supporting MSMEs, and promoting healthy ingredient alternatives. We encourage your continued participation in our initiatives, for your voice is the beating heart of our success.

With enthusiasm and optimism, I invite you to embark on this sweet journey with us. Let us work together to make 2024 a year of unbridled growth, unwavering commitment, and enduring success for the Indian confectionery industry.

Wishing you a joyous New Year filled with prosperity and sweetness,



Amrinder Singh Dhiman

President, ICMA

Chairman- Dhiman Group

President, Latini Hohberger Dhimantec, USA

President Confederation of Indian Industry, Jalandhar Zone

Executive Trustee, Dream, and Beauty Charitable Trust

Message from the Vice- President

Greetings Everyone!

At the outset, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the ICMA members for showing confidence and trust in me as Vice president of this legendary association.

This is a proud moment for us to release the 1st Issue of the ICMA Newsletter, another significant milestone to upgrade the administrative activities of the association in its efforts to make ICMA at par with the leading Industry Chambers of India.

Periodic release of the Newsletter will help ICMA members as well as others to make them abreast about the regulatory developments and facilitate them to comply with the statutory requirements within the stipulated timeline. The newsletter aims to provide a consolidated summary of the government notifications and compliances to be met by the confectionery industry in addition to the actions and initiatives undertaken by the ICMA to help its members in a fruitful manner.

We congratulate ICMA members for achieving this milestone and extend our sincere gratitude to the governing body as well as the Secretariat of the association for their rigorous efforts to make this happen.

Wishing good health and a prosperous new year 2024 to all the ICMA members and those who visited this page!

Prabhakar Mishra

Vice President, ICMA



Annual General Meeting of ICMA

ICMA conducted its Annual General Meeting on 26 October 2023, Virtually. ICMA members and Mr. Pankaj Gupta from Kumar Pankaj & Company participated virtually

As per one of the agenda items ICMA conducted an election for the position of President and Vice President. The election process was managed and coordinated independently by Mr. Pankaj Gupta (as a Presiding Officer) from Kumar Pankaj & Company, Based outcome of the election process the position of President and Vice President will be held by the persons as follows effective from 26 October 2023:

- President– Mr. Amrinder Singh Dhiman, Chairman and Managing Director of M/s.Dhiman Industries (Regd.) and Dhiman Foods Pvt. Ltd
- Vice-President– Mr. Prabhakar Mishra from M/s. Perfetti Van Melle India Pvt. Ltd.

The Financial Statement for F/Y 2022-2023 of the ICMA was presented

Discussed how ICMA successfully submitted a representation to the fitment Committee for GST Rates of Sugar-Boiled confectionery.

Discussed various Regulatory Updates.

Discussed ICMA Updates

With no further discussion, President & Vice-President of ICMA thanks every member for participation and engagement in our association's activity and looking forward for the member's continued involvement in shaping the future of our association

Highlights from the Monthly Meeting of ICMA

ICMA held its monthly meeting on 06 November 2023, at Dhiman Industries office, 627, Block A, Sushant Lok Phase I, Sector 43, near IFCO Chowk metro station, Gurugram, Haryana - 122022

ICMA Monthly meeting begin with the opening remarks by the president of ICMA followed by the appointment of Ms. Ranjeet Kaur from Mars Wrigley as the General Secretary of ICMA .With the movement of Ms. Ranjeet Kaur to the General Secretary, the position of the Chairman, Regulatory Committee was handover to Ms. Shipra Sehgal from Mondelez India Foods Private Ltd with the support of the members.

Action Plan of the ICMA presented to the members and discussed .

Recent Updates and Key Challenges in the Plastic Waste Management were Discussed

ICMA decided to conduct Annual Conference in the month of March 2024 which scheduled parallely to AAHAR 2024: New Delhi Food Hospitality Fair and ICMA Annual General Meeting in the month of August 2024 which is scheduled parallely to Anuga FoodTec India 2024.



ICMA decided to submit the representation to the authorities regarding clarity on import of Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils with no Sesame Oil and Vitamin A as an intermediary ingredient for B2B sale only.

With no further discussion, President & Vice-President of ICMA thanks every member for participation and engagement in our association's activity and looking forward for the member's continued involvement in shaping the future of our association

ICMA submitted a representation for clarity on the Imports of Hydrogenated vegetable Oil for further industrial use.

ICMA has Successfully Submitted the representation for clarity on the Imports of Hydrogenated vegetable Oil for further industrial use to the authorities on 8 December 2023. A special thanks to ICMA Vice-President Prabhakar Mishra and General Secretary Ranjeet Kaur for their invaluable time and Guidance.



Highlights from Monthly Meeting of ICMA

ICMA conducted its Monthly Meeting on 15 December 2023, Virtually.

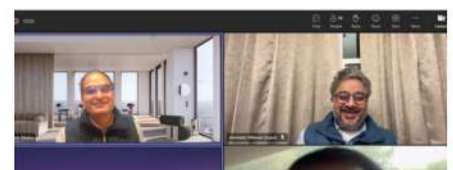
The meeting began with the opening remarks by the President and Vice-President of ICMA.

ICMA Bank Account-related decisions were taken.

Regulatory Updates were discussed.

Discussed how ICMA had successfully submitted the representation to the government authorities for clarity on the Imports of Hydrogenated vegetable Oil for further industrial use.

With no further discussion, President & Vice-President of ICMA thanks every member for participation in the meeting



REGULATORY UPDATES

Empowering women and transgender entrepreneur in food business through fast processing of license/ Registration application

The FSSAI has created a provision in the online food safety compliance system (FoSCoS) portal to identify the persons of 'Special Category for faster processing of license/ Registration applications. This provision enables licensing and registering authorities to process such 'special category' applications in a 1:1 ratio with regular applications.



Inclusion of QR Code on Food Products for the accessibility of Visually Impaired Individuals

To enhance the accessibility to all consumers including Visually Impaired Individuals, Food Business organizations are encouraged to incorporate provisions that facilitate easy access to nutritional information for visually impaired individuals. One effective way to achieve this is by incorporating Quick Response (QR) codes into product labels.

Plastic Waste Management (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has issued the Second Amendment in Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2023 which comes into force from the date of its official publication.



FSSAI Revised the option for selecting the validity period during application for FSSAI License/registration

FSSAI has issued a notification on 11-11-2023 which highlights that Food Business Operators applying for new license/registration or applying for renewal shall be able to select the validity period of 1 to 5 years in their applications with effect from 08th November 2023, with fee as applicable for the selected period as per Schedule 3 of FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011.

FoSCoS becomes more user friendly with the introduction of web portals in regional languages

In a significant step towards further enhancing the user experience and accessibility, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched the Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) portal in multiple regional languages. The portal is now available in Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, apart from Hindi and English, with plans to launch the portal in Kannada, Punjabi, Malayalam, Assamese, Bengali and Odia soon. The latest advancement aims to enhance the user experience for local food businesses, allowing them to easily connect with the FSSAI's online compliance portal i.e FoSCoS.



Revocation of Suspension of M/s Megsan Labs Private Limited, Hyderabad, Telangana

In continuation to FSSAI Office Order of even number dated 31st Dec 2021, 13th July 2022, and 28 Aug 2023, the suspension of M/s Megsan Labs Private Limited, Hyderabad, Telangana (FSSAI Reg. No. 38/S/FSSAI/2016) is hereby revoked with immediate effect.



Suspension of Jubilant Pharma and Chemical Lab (OPC) Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai

FSSAI has issued an order which highlights that FSSAI's recognition of the aforementioned laboratory by NABL, Jubilant Pharma and Chemical Lab (OPC) Pvt. Ltd. is hereby suspended w.e.f. 23rd October, 2023 from carrying out analysis of samples under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Rules and Regulations made thereunder as per regulation clause 10 (2) read with clause 10(1) (iii) of the Food Safety and Standards (Recognition and Notification of Laboratories) Regulations, 2018 for a period of six months.

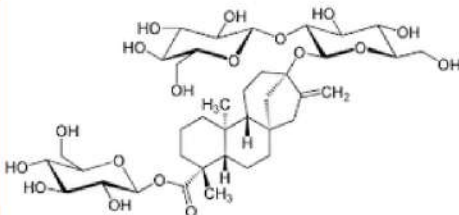
Application Fees for Vegan Logo Endorsement Applications as per Food Safety and Standards(Vegan Foods) Regulations, 2022

FSSAI has revised the application fees for the Vegan Logo Endorsement for applied products from Rs.25000/-(excluding GST) per product to Rs.10000/-(excluding GST) per application irrespective of the number of products.



Use of Steviol glycoside (stevia) in 'cocoa and chocolate products' and 'imitation chocolate'

FSSAI has issued a notification regarding use of Steviol glycoside (stevia) in 'Cocoa and Chocolate products' and imitation chocolate. At present "steviol glycoside (INS 960)" as an additive is not permitted for use in 'Cocoa and Chocolate products for use in 'Cocoa and Chocolate products' (FCS 5.1.3) and 'Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products' (FCS 5.1.4) as per extant FSS (Food Product Standards & Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. 'steviol glycoside' is permitted as an additive in other food categories such as Dairy-based drinks, Powder analogues, Dairy-based desserts, Edible ices, Canned or bottled (pasteurized) fruit, etc.



Direction to the registered Producers, Importers and Brand Owner (PIBOs) of F/Y 2022-2023 which have not filed Annual Report.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has issued a direction under section- 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 to registered Producers, Importers and Brand Owner (PIBOs) of F/Y 2022-2023 which have not filed Annual Report. The Annual Report for F/Y 2022-23 with the complete details shall be uploaded on the centralized Extended Producers Responsibility Portal for Plastic Packaging on or Before November 30, 2023. If Your unit fails to upload the Annual Report, Environmental Compensation shall be levied without any communication. Further action under the provision of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 shall be initiated, as deemed appropriate, against violation of the direction.



Rectifiable labelling information for imported food consignments

FSSAI has issued an order on Rectifiable labeling information for imported food consignments, wherein FSSAI has decided that all the labeling deficiencies on imported food consignments may be permitted for rectification in the custom bonded warehouse, except the following:

- Lot No. / Code No. / Batch identification
- Date Marking [Date of manufacture or packaging" and "Expiry/Use by/Best Before]
- Country of Origin for Imported Foods



The Label rectification has to be carried out at Customs bonded warehouses, before visual inspection or re-inspection by the Authorised Officer or his representative, by affixing a single non-detachable sticker or by any other non-detachable method.

Procedure for Reactivation of Auto-Rejected Licensing/Registration Application



FSSAI has issued an order in Procedure for Reactivation of Auto-Rejected Licensing/Registration Application due to non-response to the queries of the licensing/registration authority within the specified timeline. The provision for self-reactivation of auto-rejected applications shall be provided only once for any filed application for a new license/registration or modification of a license. Within 30 Days of auto-rejection of application: FBO is allowed to self-reactivate the application without any intervention of the authority and fee. During the period of the 31st to 60th day of auto-rejection of the application: In this case, FBO is allowed to self-reactivate the application without any intervention of the authority, subject to payment of fee as specified below as well as a valid reason for the delay:

- For Registration application: Rs. 50+ GST(as applicable)
- For License application: Rs. 500 + GST(as applicable)

Environment Compensation for the late filing of Annual Report

The last date for filing of Annual Report by PIBOs registered during the year 2022-23 is November 30, 2023. By the provisions of EC Guidelines, all such PIBOs are hereby informed that they should file the Annual Report by December 05, 2023. EC of Rs.5000/- towards late filing of Annual Report shall be levied on those PIBOs who file their Report by December 10, 2023 and a late fee of Rs.10000/- shall be levied on those PIBOs who file it by December 20, 2023, following which Annual Report shall be autofiled, and EC, if any towards shortfall in fulfilling EPR Target along with the late of Rs.10000/-, shall be levied on the defaulters



NEWS BRIEF

CPCB orders 45 of 105 Maharashtra sugar units to shut down

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has ordered closure of 45 cooperative sugar factories in Maharashtra for blatant violation of the Environmental Protection Act. Maharashtra has a total of 190 sugar units, of which 105 are in operation. The sugarcane crushing season will begin from November 1. This is for the first time that such a large number of sugar units have been served with closure notice In a letter to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB),



UP government has banned Halal-certified food products

The Uttar Pradesh government, led by Yogi Adityanath, has banned the production, storage, distribution, and sale of food products with halal certification, effective immediately. However, products manufactured for export are exempted from this ban. The government claims that there have been "malicious attempts" to discourage the use of non-halal certified products, which not only seek unfair financial benefits but also form part of a larger strategy to sow class hatred, create divisions, and weaken the country by anti-national elements



Edible oil industry body SEA urges government to hike duty difference between crude & refined palm oil

Edible oil industry body SEA has demanded that the government should increase the duty difference between crude and refined palm oil to 15 per cent from 7.5 per cent to curb imports of refined cooking oil and protect domestic players. In a letter to its members, Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) President Ajay Jhunjhunwala pointed out that Indian vegetable oil (comprising of edible and non-edible oil) refining industry is "facing challenges".



India has been appointed as the Chair of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) for the year 2024

India becomes Chair of International Sugar Organisation (ISO) for 2024 to lead global sugar sector India pays highest cane price in the World to sugarcane farmers Despite Record high Global Sugar Prices, India ensures the Cheapest sugar to its people .India achieves 12% ethanol blending with petrol in ESY 2022-23. In its 63rd council meeting, International Sugar Organisation (ISO), headquartered in London, has announced India to be the Chair of the organisation for 2024. This is a huge achievement for the country to lead the global sugar sector and reflection of growing stature of the country in this domain.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Indus Food 2024

08-10 January 2024

India Exposition Mart Greater Noida, New Delhi, NCR, India
Indusfood is the most comprehensive F&B marketplace in the South Asia region, showcasing F&B products, F&B processing, and packaging technology.

Link to Register- <https://indusfood.co.in/exhibitor-information/>

INDUS:FOOD™

08 09 10 January, 2024

India Exposition Mart, Greater Noida, NCR, India

International Conference and Exhibition on Sustainability: Challenges & Opportunities in Global Sugar Industry 2024

January 12 to January 14, 2024

Venue- Vasantdada Sugar Institute

Link to Register- <https://vsiconindia2024.org/announcement.html>



CHOCOLATE & BAKERY EXPO (CBEx)

02-04 Feb 2024

Venue- Bombay Exhibition Center, Mumbai, India

Link to Register <https://www.cbexindia.in/>



AAHAR – The International Food & Hospitality Fair

Location: [Pragati Maidan](#), New Delhi 110001 [India](#)

Organizer: India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Pragati Bhawan, Pragati Maidan, [New Delhi](#) 110001 [India](#)

Link to Register <https://indiatrdefair.com/aahardelhi/>



ISM and ProSweets Cologne

28 to 31 January 2024

ISM and ProSweets Cologne are being co-staged again from 28 to 31 January in the halls of Koelnmesse and are bringing the international sweets and snacks industry together.

Link to Register <https://www.ism-cologne.com/>



Chocoa 2024

6-11 February 2024, Venue- Chocoa. Amsterdam

Don't miss out on 6 days of networking, knowledge exchange and business opportunities at CHOCOA 2024!

Link to Register <https://www.chocoa.nl/>



Anuga FoodTec

19 - 22 March 2024

Anuga FoodTec awaits you in Cologne from 19 - 22 March 2024 - internationally positioned with the latest solutions, pioneering technologies and sustainable impulses for your success!

Link to Register <https://www.anugafoodtec.com/>



ICMA thanks every member for engagement in our association's activity and looking forward for the member's continued involvement in shaping the future of our association.

ICMA LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/icma-indian-confectionery-manufacturers-association/>

ICMA Website : <https://www.icma.group/>

For Advertisement Contact Us:

Email Id-info@icma.group

Phone No- 7015880052

Website- www.icma.group