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Subject: Empanelment of agencies as Hygiene Rating Agencies for inspecting catering establishments for Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat Schemes

Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat are new Schemes under Project Serve Safe that promotes safe and nutritious food catering sector. FSSAI is seeking applications from auditing agency/association/organisation/company for empanelment as Hygiene Rating Agencies.

2. The expression of interest for empanelment of agencies along with the document on “Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat Scheme” is enclosed herewith. The last date for receiving completed applications from interested agencies is 28th September 2018.

3. A pre-empanelment meeting for discussion about Scheme and clarifications, if any, will be held on 18th September 2018 at 12.00pm at Conference Room, 05th Floor, FSSAI HQ, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi. Interested applicants may attend the meeting.

(Daya Shankar)
Joint Director (RCD)
Expression Of Interest

for

empanelment of Hygiene Rating Agencies for inspecting catering establishments in connection with FSSAI "Hygiene Rating and Responsible places to eat Schemes"

(Last Date for receiving completed applications – 28th Sep 2018)
1. Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat

1.1 Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat are new schemes under Project Serve Safe that promotes safe and nutritious food catering sector.

1.2 The Hygiene Rating concept is active in various countries with an idea of ensuring safe and hygienic food in every catering business and has proven to be one of a kind in creating awareness among consumers. Some of the well-known schemes already in action are Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, Scores on Doors a star rating in Australia, etc. FSSAI has also developed hygiene ratings scheme for catering organisation with intent to promote self-compliance of food hygiene and safety amongst food businesses and make consumer aware about the hygiene quality of catering organisations. The key requirements for obtaining hygiene rating are:

1. Follow Schedule 4 requirements i.e. the regulatory requirements
2. Have a trained Food Safety Supervisors in all premises
3. Install Food Safety Display Boards (FSDBs) in the catering premises.

1.3 Once the Catering Establishment the implement these regulatory requirements he may undergo self-assessment and obtain hygiene ratings. These ratings will be verified by the Food Safety Officers during the inspection.

1.4 Responsible Place to Eat aims in bringing the behavioural change among the people of the society and ensure food security and food availability across every sector enriching every life. This initiative will help the Catering Establishment to distinguish itself from others and create its unique identity has responsible Food Business. As a food business it is their responsibility to not only serve safe food but also educate the consumer about the right choices and do a little extra for the society. The six key areas for where a Catering Establishment can voluntarily contribute are:

1. Promote Personal Hygiene
2. Promote healthy eating
3. Promote safe water handling practices
4. Effective complaint handling
5. Transparency in Food Preparation
6. Donate Food

1.5 A dedicated ‘Serve Safe’ portal (www.fssai.gov.in/serve safe) has been developed for ease of implementation of these.

1.6 After implementation these voluntary points, Catering Establishments may do self-assessment by filling a pre designed checklist on Serve Safe Portal. The same will be verified by regulator staff/third party auditors. The hygiene rating certificate (with stickers for responsible place to eat) may be printed after verification. The Guidance Document for “Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat Schemes” is at Annex 4 of this document.
2. **Purpose of the EOI**

This EOI is for the empanelment of third party agencies/organisations equipped with relevant expertise in software application as Hygiene Rating (HR) Agencies for conducting inspections through mobile software platform for assessing catering establishments as per the Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat Schemes guidance document and providing Hygiene rating certificates.

3. **Eligibility Criteria / Pre-Qualification Criteria**

(A) The auditing agency/association/organisation/company must be registered in India

(B) The agency must have experience of conducting food safety audit preferably using a software application (mobile app based etc)

(C) A subject matter expert (SME) on food safety must be on the Board of Directors or on the top management of the agency
   a. The SME must have a post graduate in Food Science and/or Microbiology with experience in the field of food safety

(D) The auditing agency/organisation shall have a minimum of three auditors with the qualifications and shall meet the following minimum requirements, namely:
   a. Bachelor’s degree in Food or Dairy Fisheries or Oil Technology or Biotechnology or Agricultural or Veterinary Sciences or Bio-chemistry or Microbiology or Chemistry or Catering Technology or Hotel Management from a recognised university;
   b. knowledge of the Act and the rules and regulations made there under;
   c. sector specific knowledge of hygienic and sanitary practices, processing techniques, hazards identification, analysis and control and knowledge of contaminants, allergens, etc;
   d. any other additional requirement or mandatory training as maybe specified by the Food Authority.

4. **Application Procedure**

4.1 Agencies seeking to become a Hygiene Rating Agencies must make an application using the Application Form as prescribed in the Annex A of this document. They should submit this form along with the requisite documents as in Annex B of the form. They are required to pay the fees for application as mentioned below in para 5 in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Senior Accounts Officer, FSSAI and then submit the application.
4.2 The Auditing Agency/organisation should also specify the geographical areas (States/UTs) for which the agency is seeking empanelment.

4.3 Upon receipt of the application form, all applications will be reviewed and if the applicant fulfills the requirements, the application shall be placed before the committee constituted for selection. If necessary, the committee can conduct assessment of the auditors of the Agency before empanelling the same. Assessment can include Oral Interview or written examination as the committee may decide. The Committee constituted for selection, after considering the applications on the basis of eligibility and experience and after necessary assessment will recommend the Agency as HR Agency. The list of empanelled agencies will be uploaded in the Serve Safe portal of FSSAI (www.fssai.gov.in/servesafe)

4.4 FSSAI will conduct an assessment of auditors of agency/organisation. A training of 8-10 hours will be conducted with an assessment/exam of 30 minutes. Only those auditors of agency/organisation would be eligible to conduct audits those who qualify the assessment exam.

4.5 The validity of the empanelment will be three years from the date of issue.

4.6 Each potential recognised auditor as part of an agency must attend a training session with the FSSAI on policies, procedures, reporting and other requirements.

4.7 The last date for receiving completed applications will be 28th September 2017.

5. Application Fees

5.1 The following non-refundable fee in relation to the application for HR Agency is prescribed. This fee covers the administrative costs for processing the applications and for monitoring of the inspections conducted by the agencies during the period of empanelment.

| (i) | Application fee for empanelment (to be paid along with Application Form) | Rs. 5000/- + Applicable taxes (if any) |

5.2 The fee is non-refundable and has to be paid in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Senior Accounts Officer, FSSAI payable at Delhi.

6. Details of activity to be performed by the successful agency:

Audit Procedure to be followed by successful agency:

(1) Audit examination shall cover collection of objective evidence and documenting audit observations. Evidence can be collected through interviews, examination of documentation and observation of activities.
a. Photographic evidence of documents must be captured in the software application
b. Each observation must be recorded in a software application
c. Interview notes with auditor comments must be captured

(2) Where the deficiencies or non-conformances are detected, they shall be documented clearly and concisely and shall point out the regulatory requirements that are being contravened.
   a. Each non-conformance must be recorded, and gap must be highlighted which can be viewed by both Catering establishments and FSSAI

(3) The auditing agency shall check relevant documents related to laboratory reports maintained by the Catering establishment as part of compliance with various regulations made under the FSS Act.
   a. The documents must be photographed in the software application.

(4) The auditor must load the audit findings to the centralized repository maintained on behalf of FSSAI.

(5) The centralized repository must be capable of generating a comprehensive audit report which can be handed over in soft copy format (delivered through mobile application with customized user interface) to the Catering Establishment.

(6) The software application, through the audit report, will provide indication of necessary follow-up action, including further audits, to check whether any corrective action was taken to remove any deficiency of such food safety program identified in the audit.

(7) Audit reporting
   i. With instant sync and reporting capability of the software application, the auditor shall report the findings of the audit to the Catering Establishment after the completion of the audit.
   ii. The audit report will provide capability for the Catering Establishment to provide necessary justification and/or clarification to the auditor. All this information will be exchanged on the agency’s web portal.
   iii. The audit report will be designed in the format specified by FSSAI. The audit report shall clearly bring out the finding or non-conformities.
   iv. The non-conformities of the audit may be classified into two categories, namely:
      a. **Major non-conformity.** When there is a serious failure in the food safety management system of the Catering Establishment, which may result in adverse health consequence possibly even fatal, the auditor shall report such findings to FSSAI within 24 hours. FSSAI after ascertaining the seriousness of the situation shall take regulatory action against the concerned food business operator.
The software application should trigger an automated e-mail with audit finding to FSSAI as soon as the auditor submits the report online and the data syncs with the server.

b. **Minor non-conformity**: When there is a shortcoming in the food safety management system or regulatory contravention of the Catering Establishment, which may not cause any adverse health consequence, the auditor shall set up an appropriate timeframe for its rectification and follow up, so that the non-conformance could be rectified.

The software application should have built-in capability to define appropriate rectification timeframe

v. Failure by food business operator to rectify the minor non-conformity within the specified timeframe shall be referred to FSSAI.

(8) The agency must provide industry specific standard corrective actions for the non-conformances to the Catering Establishment within 24 hours of conducting the audit

7. **Audit Duration:**
7.1 The audit duration prescribed for Catering/QSR/ Restaurants etc based on the number of food handlers is as follows:

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8. **Indicative Audit Fees:**
8.1 The indicative audit fee prescribed by FSSAI for auditing these catering establishments is around Rs. 2000/- + Applicable taxes (if any) per half man day (0.5 man-day).

9. **Conflict of interest**
7.1 The empanelled HR auditing agency shall give a declaration as per Annex ‘C’ of this document before accepting audit of a Catering Establishment.

7.2 The empanelment of any agency shall be suspended or cancelled immediately by FSSAI on the event of providing false information on conflict of interest.
10. **Suspension or cancellation of Empanelment:**

FSSAI may suspend or cancel the empanelment of the auditing agency by an order on any of the following grounds, namely,-

(i) the auditing agency has been declared insolvent by a competent authority;
(ii) the auditing agency has failed to perform its duties satisfactorily or in accordance with the FSS Act and regulations;
(iii) the auditing agency has suppressed material information or committed fraud;
(iv) the auditing agency has failed to provide access to their records and furnish necessary information to FSSAI to conduct the assessment or investigation;
(v) the auditing agency has failed to take timely and necessary corrective measures, if any, as directed by FSSAI;
(vi) the recommendation of the Committee on the basis of complaints received regarding conduct of the auditing agency;
(vii) the auditing agency has provided false information with regard to conflict of interest;
(viii) any other reason that the Food Authority may specify in this behalf.

9. **Audit monitoring**

FSSAI shall monitor the performance of the empanelled HR Auditing agency. The monitoring mechanism shall include review of the audit reports and performance; on site assessment of the auditors to ensure their competency of auditing the food safety management systems and the regulatory requirements; or any other mechanism as specified by the Food Authority.

10. **Record keeping**

10.1 The final conformance report and all other documents related to the audit conducted including the first audit report, actions taken and successive communications on rectification measures shall be preserved by the auditing agencies at least for a period of five years and full confidentiality of the documents shall be maintained.

10.2 The Catering Establishments shall maintain all records of audit findings and rectification for a period of five years.
11. Designated Point of Contact

The completed application form along with its enclosures may be send to the following address by 28th September 2018:

Regulatory Compliance Division
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
Room No. 413, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002
Telephone No.- 011 23231679, 01123237435
E-Mail- enforcement1@fssai.gov.in
          remya.kumar@fssai.gov.in
          heena.fssai@gmail.com

12. DISCLAIMER

8.1 The information submitted in response to this EOI may be subject to public release (as per RTI norms). Agencies responding to this notice may assume the risk of public disclosure if confidential information is included.

8.2 This request for proposal is not an offer by the FSSAI, but an invitation to receive response from eligible interested applicants.

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**Annex 1**

*Application Form for Empanelment as Hygiene Rating Auditing Agency*

- **Photo of Authorised signatory of the auditing agency**

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I (authorised signatory) ________________________________ S/o,

D/o. ______________________ R/o ______________________

Do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that all information and particulars furnished here by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further declare that the food safety auditing to be conducted by me or through my auditor shall conform to the requirements of the “FSSAI’s Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat Project” and the FSS Act, 2006 and regulations thereon.

Signature of authorised signatory with stamp

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Annex 2

*List of documents to be enclosed*

a) Application fee receipt/DD or pay order

b) Certificate of accreditation *(if any)*

c) Educational qualification certificate of all auditors.

d) Lead auditor course certificate of all auditors.

e) Confidentiality agreement

f) A copy of the last assessment report by the accreditation body *(if any)*

g) Details of industry auditing experience of all auditors *(mainly catering sector)*.

h) Audit logs
Annex 3

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

I __________________________ S/o, D/o ________________ state that the hygiene rating food safety audit of M/s __________________ having license number _______ has been audited by my auditing agency. In this context, I hereby declare that:

a) my organisation/auditing agency or its personnel/auditor have not provided any training, guidance, Food Safety Certification or consultancy to and not carried out internal audits of the above said food business operator or any of its parent or subsidiary for last two years.

b) my organisation/auditing agency or its personnel/auditor does not own or have financial interest in, manage or otherwise control to the above said food business operators or any of its affiliate, parent or subsidiary.

c) my organisation/auditing agency or its personnel/auditor have not been employed by the above said food business operator for last two years.

d) my organisation/auditing agency has not carried out the food safety audit of the above said food business operator for more than three consecutive times.

Signature of authorised signatory/Auditor with stamp
Annex 4

Guidance Document for

HYGIENE RATING

HYGIENE RATING AND RESPONSIBLE PLACE TO EAT
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HYGIENE RATING AND RESPONSIBLE PLACE TO EAT
Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat Schemes are introduced under Project Serve Safe

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Scope and Purpose of Guidance Document

Hygiene Rating Scheme and Responsible Place to Eat are new schemes under Project Serve Safe, initiated with an intent of ensuring that consumer make informed choices while eating out and also encouraging food businesses to showcase and improve their food hygiene standards. It reflects the standards of food hygiene found on the date of inspection by the local authority.

The concept of hygiene Rating is new in India, but has parallels in many countries across the globe. Every country has its own terminologies to explain the idea of ensuring safe and hygienic food to general public, in all catering businesses. Some of the well-known schemes already in place are "Food Hygiene Rating Scheme" (FHRS) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and "Scores on Doors" a star rating scheme in Australia, etc.

The guidance document represents the key components to implement the Hygiene Rating Scheme and Responsible Place to Eat in India. The purpose of the document is to ensure consistency in implementation and operation of the Hygiene Rating Scheme by the State and Local Authorities.

The document is divided into 5 chapters and annexures which introduces the schemes and key requirements to implement them. It also discusses in details the process of scoring through self-assessment of compliance with food hygiene and safety procedures and structural requirements by FBOs followed by physical verification by state FDAs. A concept of reverification is also being introduced for helping FBOs in improving their food hygiene and safety and also add their bit to provide Safe and Nutritious Food to citizens.
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Chapter 1: Hygiene Ratings

a. What is Hygiene Rating?

Hygiene rating is a voluntary scheme applicable to food businesses supplying food directly to consumers either on or off the premises and food businesses are rated on the basis of food hygiene and safety conditions found at the time of inspection.

This transparent scoring and rating process will allow FBOs to showcase their level of compliance and excellent food hygiene quality and enable consumers to make informed choices about the foods and the places where they would like to eat. Through these choices, Food businesses will get encouraged to improve their hygiene standards & thus reduce the incidence of food-borne illness. The main purpose of the scheme is to:

- Allow consumers to make an informed food choice about where to eat and cultivate responsible eating habits
- Encourage food businesses with high hygiene standards and to continue maintaining them and showcase the same to their consumers.
- Motivate other food businesses-having lower hygiene standards to improve.

The hygiene ratings system designed by FSSAI will be implemented in 2 parts:

A) Hygiene Ratings – will score FBO based on self-assessment questionnaire for compliance with food hygiene and safety procedures and structural requirements followed by the verification of the hygiene rating by physical inspection and validation by the state FDAs. The hygiene rating will be from (0 up to 5) as per the level of compliance.

B) "Responsible Place to Eat" - Hygiene rating of 4 and more and the compliance of voluntary conditions to be adopted by FBO will rate the FBO as Responsible Place to Eat. This will also enhance the commercial viability of an FBO and responsibility towards providing safe and nutritious food to consumers. This scheme will help to bring about the behavioral change in consumers by making them aware of healthy choices and giving them access to such options. This section has been discussed in detail in the next chapter.

Type of Food Businesses Included in Hygiene Rating Scheme

The food establishments falling under this scheme will include: All food establishments that supply food prepared / cooked / served outside of homes, directly to consumers for consumption on or off the premises. Currently, this scheme is being launched for Catering Sector.
b. What Are the Key Requirements to get Hygiene Ratings?

Hygiene rating scheme will be implemented online through Serve Safe Portal (www.fssai.gov.in/serve safe). But prior to enrolling for this scheme FBOs should ensure that they fulfill the following steps

1. FBOs need to have FSSAI License/Registration and follow Schedule 4 requirements.

This is to provide for adequate measures that are to be adopted to ensure that food being served to the consumers is of good quality and safe to eat.

To get FSSAI License/Registration FBO should:

Step 1: Log on to https://foodlicensing.fssai.gov.in/index.aspx

Step 2: Check eligibility and Apply for license

Once you have logged on you need to check your eligibility depending on the type of business, an FBO will need to apply for Central/State license.

For Registration

Schedule 4 of Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011 provides Good Hygiene Practices (GMP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) to be followed by Food Business in their premises. All food businesses shall comply with these practices. Schedule 4 is divided into five parts. The parts eligible for catering sector are:

Part I: General Hygienic and Sanitary practices to be followed by Petty Business Operators applying for Registration

For Licensee

Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2018

Section 6: Part V of Schedule 4 relating to good hygienic and manufacturing practices to be followed by licensed food business operators engaged in catering or food service operations.

Online access of Schedule 4:

2. Appoint a certified Food Safety Supervisors and Train all food handlers

- **Who is a food safety supervisor?**
  A Food Safety Supervisor is a trained professional to be appointed by a FBO in his/her restaurant to supervise and maintain food hygiene practices and train other food handlers working in the premises. There should be one FSS per 25 food handlers.

- **Responsibilities of a Food Safety Supervisor**
  - Supervise and maintain hygiene standards in the restaurant as per Food Safety and Standards regulations
  - Train all food handlers in the restaurant about safe food handling practices.

- **How to become a Food Safety Supervisor?**
  Register on Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) Portal of FSSAI by logging on to [https://foстac.fssai.gov.in](https://foстac.fssai.gov.in) → register as trainer → log in → enroll for the eligible course → Generate Admit card and attend training → Fulfill assessment criteria → Log in online and generate certificate.

3. Must have Food Safety Display Boards (FSDBs) prominently displayed in the premises

- Food Safety Display Board (FSDB) with the information to consumers and food handlers about important food safety and hygiene requirements.
- FSDB must provide an options to consumers for sending feedback through WhatsApp, SMS or give feedback on FSSAI App.
- All FSDB must have the FSSAI registration/license number on it for consumers to verify.

4. Get food samples tested periodically from any FSSAI approved Lab

- Water samples: to be tested biannually for organoleptic and physiochemical parameters as mentioned in Food Safety and Standards Regulations 2011
- Food samples: to be tested annually for safety parameters (contaminants and microbiological parameters)

A list of suggested test parameters for various food products have been enclosed in Annexure 1.
c. How FBOs can Enroll in Hygiene Ratings Scheme?

Once FBO have fulfilled all the set requirements mentioned in the previous section. They may follow the steps given below to enroll in hygiene rating scheme.

Log in using your FLRS credentials at:

- Log on to [www.fssai.gov.in/servesafe](http://www.fssai.gov.in/servesafe)
- Follow guidelines to implement key requirements and complete self-assessment process.
- Generate “hygiene rating”.
- If your rating is 4 or more that you may enroll for Responsible Place to Eat.
- Inspection /Verification of ratings will be done by a FSO (Food Safety Officer) from FSSAI, through an on spot inspection either using online checklist (on FoSCoord or Serve Safe Portal) or physical checklist.
- Post Inspection, FBO can generate the **verified(signed) rating certificate**.
- Enroll for “Responsible place to eat” if above ratings score is 4 (Good) or more.
  
(Refer to chapter 2 of this document to know more about Responsible Place to Eat)

A brief outline of the Hygiene ratings process is as per below pic:

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**FBO logsins with FLRS Login Id and Password**

**Self Assessment of Food Safety Compliance**

**Generate and Display Hygiene Ratings**

**Inspection and validation by FSO and Agencies**

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**d. What is Assessment and Scoring Process?**

- Audit Checklist for assessment of the FBO on Hygiene Ratings is same as Schedule 4 checklist used for inspection by FSO (Enclosed in Annexure 2).

How to calculate scores?

- Self-assessment questionnaire to be marked by the FBO
- Indicated marks for each question marked as yes, will be added to arrive at the total score.
- Questions marked with “Asterisk” are critical and which can impact food safety. Failure to comply with these will lead to non-issuance of hygiene ratings.
- Score achieved is converted to percentage by the formula: Total Score value * 100 / 114
e. How to calculate Hygiene Rating?
The score of the checklist is converted in per cent and emoji's (symbols are designated as per the scores obtained. The table below provides detail of percent score wise rating:

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f. What is the validity of Hygiene Rating awarded?
The ratings awarded under Hygiene Rating Scheme will be valid for one year. However, inspecting officer may schedule an audit during this period in case any complaints are received.

g. How to improve your Hygiene Rating?
Any FBO desirous of improving their ratings can do so by taking following steps:
- Check for non compliant food hygiene and safety practices as per the checklist.
- Take clear, concrete steps to ensure and demonstrate compliance for each of these issues.
- Redo self-assessment, but only 3 months after the previous inspection and print certificate.
- Apply for reverification by filling in the reverification form.
- Once, inspecting officer re audit the premises and submit results. Print the new verified rating certificate online.
Process Flow for Receiving Hygiene Rating

FSSAI’s License Registration & Schedule 4 of FSS Regulation

Yes

Appoint Certified Food Safety Supervisor in the premise & Train all Food Handlers and a Trained

Yes

Food Safety Display Board (FSDB) Install in the premises

Yes

Periodic Food & water sample testing as per FSSAI’s requirement

Yes

Enroll for Hygiene Rating at www.fssai.gov.in/servesafe

No

Log on to https://foodlicensing.fssai.gov.in/apply for license & comply with Schedule 4 requirements

No

Log on to https://fostac.fssai.gov.in to get training and get certified

No

Download FSDB by logging on to fssai.gov.in - safe food products - FSDB's Install FSDB in premises

No

Login the website for information regarding List of FSSAI approved labs and get the food samples tested

> FBO login with FLRS login ID & Password
> Self Assessment follow guidelines
> Inspection by FSO within 30 days.
> Ratings available to print.

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HYGIENE
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Chapter 2: Responsible Place to Eat

a. What is Responsible Place to Eat?

This is a distinguishing mark granted to Food Businesses with hygiene rating of 4 or more and to encourage FBOs in promoting nutrition, and to bring about the behavioral change in consumers by making them aware of healthy choices and giving them access to such options.

This scheme aims to bring about the behavioral change among the people and ensure Food Security and Food Availability across every sector and thereby enriching every life. FBO with 4+ in hygiene rating, may volunteer for becoming a “Responsible place to eat”. It is a voluntary initiative that can be undertaken by an FBO to add value to society and thereby increasing its own commercial viability.

b. What are the Key Requirements to become ‘Responsible Place to Eat’?

Following are the various criteria identified to become a responsible place to eat. Each criterion is independent of the other. The FBO may voluntarily choose and implement the one, or more of all the requirements.

1. Promote Personal Hygiene

- FBOs must have sanitary facilities for guests and its staff like toilets, hand wash and footbath.
- Food handlers must wear clean clothes (washed daily) and where necessary, shall wear head cover, apron, mouth mask and use gloves
- Staff must be medically examined once in six months to ensure that they are free from infections and other contagious diseases.
- Staff suffering from any contagious disease must not be allowed to work or handle food
- All food handlers must be inoculated against the enteric group of microorganisms.

2. Promote Healthy Eating

- Promote awareness on healthy and balanced diets through SNF sample posters, standees, display screen, messages on menu, etc. (as per availability)
- Advice consumers against adding extra salt and sugar in their food and include healthy alternatives in the menu
- Use fortified raw ingredients such as flour, oil, etc. and—create awareness about importance of eating fortified foods through SNF
display boards

- Create awareness about importance of drinking water to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Promote food hygiene practices and safety habits like hand wash before having the meals and have demarcated area for the same.
- Must print nutritional labels and requisite information on all packaged foods as per regulations.
- Communication tools are available at www.fssai.gov.in/servesafe → Resources→ Responsible Place to Eat.

Note: FSSAI has started various SNF initiatives to promote Safe and Nutritious Food. You may visit www.snfoportal.in for more information.

3. Promote Safe Water Handling

- Ensure appropriate facilities for storage and safety of water
- Use potable water for all beverages and cooking methods
- Get water tested, both for chemical and microbial parameters by NABL Accredited laboratory and whenever the potential for contamination or an outbreak of disease is identified. Maintain all records.
- Potable water should be used for ice and steam wherever in use during processing.

4. Effective Complaint Handling

- Appoint a nodal person to address consumer complaints
- Have an effective consumer redressal mechanism with easy to reach modes of contact such as a contact number, WhatsApp number, email, online portal, etc. (as per availability).
- Timely redressal of complaints.

Note: Visit www.foodsmart.fssai.gov.in to register and get further details.

5. Open Kitchens or Kitchen Visits

- Have an open kitchen to ensure transparency about your cooking procedures, ingredients used and food safety procedures
- Visitors must be encouraged to wear protective clothing, footwear and adhere to other personal hygiene practices as followed by the restaurant staff while visiting the kitchen/storage areas.
- Other alternate methods like viewing through transparent glass, scheduled kitchen visits and CCTV cameras can be followed.
6. Donate Surplus Food

- **Prevent Food Loss in Food Production**
  - Institute food waste tracking systems to monitor the amount, causes, and costs of food waste. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for timely use or donation of food before it spoils.
  - Store food based on first in first out (FIFO) principle
  - Optimize cold chain management to minimize losses

- **Handling and Management of Surplus Food and Waste Water**
  - Establish partnerships with food collection agencies to donate surplus food by being part of FSSAI’s Save Food Share Food Share Joy initiative.
  - Establish a waste water management system for proper disposal of waste water.

- **Managing Unavoidable Food Waste**
  - Reduce the amount of food sent to landfills by directing food scraps to agricultural partners that can use it as animal feed.
  - Compost foods scraps or use anaerobic digestion, either on- or off-site.

- **Consumer Education**
  - Adjust portion sizes and help consumers to order an appropriate portion size to reduce wastage
  - Encourage diners to take leftovers home and guide them on storage for the food parceled.

Note: To know more about prevention of food loss, food waste and food donations, visit [http://sharefood.fssai.gov.in](http://sharefood.fssai.gov.in). Also, to register for food donation follow the steps given below.

Log on to [http://sharefood.fssai.gov.in](http://sharefood.fssai.gov.in) → Donors → Register as Donor

*Note: A set of posters have been developed for the points above the same is available on the Serve Safe Portal at [http://sharefood.fssai.gov.in](http://sharefood.fssai.gov.in) → Responsible Place to Eat → Resources*

c. **How to Enroll to become “Responsible place to eat”?**

Follow the steps below to enroll:

- Follow Guidelines and complete self-assessment
- Generate “hygiene rating” and achieve a score of “4” – “Good” and above
- Enroll for “Responsible place to eat” and complete self-assessment.
- Verification will be done by a FSO (Food Safety officer) from FSSAI, through an inspection.
- Once minimum requirements for relevant criteria mentioned are fulfilled, the FBO can fill the self-assessment”. The same information will be shared with the FSO and Third Party Audit for validation at time of the inspection.
Post Inspection, FBO can generate the verified(signed) certificate with the valid logo/sticker added for each category FBO enrolled for.

- Obtain 4+ on Hygiene Ratings
- Enroll to be a Responsible Place to Eat
- Implement the things required as per guidebook
- Fill Self compliance Checklist
- Certificate will be generated if minimum compliance is met
- Inspection and validation by FSO and Agencies

**d. What is the Assessment and Scoring process?**

- An “audit checklist” similar to checklist developed for hygiene rating assessment has been prepared for assessment of the FBO on various parameters for “Responsible Place to eat”. (Enclosed at Annexure 3).
- The FBO may self-assess using the same checklist.
- Similar to hygiene ratings, FSO will also inspect the implementation of Responsible Place to Eat using the assessment checklist developed.

**e. How to calculate scores?**

- The checklist used for self-assessment have 6 sections (one for each key requirement mentioned).
- Indicated marks for each question marked as yes, will be added to arrive at the total score for each of the six sections.
- The FBO have to score at least 60 percent in each category enrolled to get sticker(s). The stickers added to the certificate are same as the logos on previous pages of the chapter.

**f. How to achieve a higher grade in being a “Responsible place to eat”?**

Any FBO desirous of achieving a higher mark in being a “Responsible place to eat” can do so by taking following steps:
- Check the practices not followed as per the above audit checklist and arrive at the issues.
- Take clear, concrete steps to ensure and demonstrate compliance for each of these issues.
- Redo the self-assessment, 3 months after the previous inspection and print certificate.
- Re-inspection will be done automatically as per the first in – first out queue with the FSO.
- Print the new verified certificate online.
Process Flow for Becoming A Responsible Place to Eat

1. Promote personal hygiene
   - Yes
   - Promoting consumption balanced food and avoiding junk food and making it an everyday practice for active & healthy life
   - No
   - Ensure appropriate awareness on cleanliness and facilities manufacturing personal hygiene of food handlers.

2. Promote Healthy Eating
   - Yes
   - Get samples of food & water tested regularly as per the requirements.
   - No
   - Promoting consumption balanced food and avoiding junk food and making it an everyday practice for active & healthy life

3. Promote safe Water Handling
   - Yes
   - Install and ensure an effective consumer feedback & redressal management system.
   - No
   - Get samples of food & water tested regularly as per the requirements.

4. Effective Complaint Handling
   - Yes
   - Install and ensure an effective consumer feedback & redressal management system.
   - No
   - Install and ensure an effective consumer feedback & redressal management system.

5. Have transparent kitchen/open Kitchen or Allow Kitchen Visits
   - Yes
   - Ensure transparency about cooking and food safety practices.
   - No
   - Log on to www.sharefood.fssai.gov.in register as food donor and donate food

6. Donate Surplus Food to Needy
   - Yes
   - Enroll for Responsible Place to Eat
   - No
   - Enroll for Responsible Place to Eat

Enroll for Hygiene Eating at fssai.gov.in/serversafe.
Chapter 3: Role of State FDA

a. What is the Role of FDA in implementing these schemes?

FDA will have a crucial role in rolling out Hygiene rating and Responsible Place to Eat schemes in their respective states. These schemes are in line with the objective of state FDAs, that are to provide safe and nutritious food to the citizens, help them to make informed food choices and, promoting high food safety standards amongst the food businesses.

b. How FDA can adopt these schemes?

1. FDA may select city/cities where they want to implement hygiene rating and/or responsible place to eat schemes

2. The FBOs (Restaurants/ QSRs /Hotels, etc. catering establishments) may be informed about these schemes and provide intervention to adopt these schemes.

   Note: The guidance document may be circulated. The pdf version of this guidance document and all relevant resources are available on Serve Safe Website at www.fssai.gov.in/servesafe.

3. Once the FBOs of the city has enrolled himself for these schemes, the regulatory staff will receive the notification in their FLRS Dashboard/ Serve Safe Dashboard. The area wise list of FBOs enrolled for these schemes can also be generated on the serve safe portal.

4. An inspection/ audit can be scheduled for the enrolled FBOs to verify the self-assessed ratings. Once the FSOs score is uploaded on the website, the FBO may generate the verified version of hygiene rating certificate.

   Note: Various methods of inspections are discussed in next section.

c. Who can carry out Inspections?

State FDA can use various methods for inspecting the premises of the FBOs enrolled for Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat

A. Inspection through FSOs

   Food Safety Officers carry out their usual inspection of food premises. The same inspection score is valid for hygiene ratings. The FSO additionally may also audit to assess the criteria laid down for Responsible Place to Eat.

B. Through Recognised Auditing Agencies under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Safety Auditing) Regulations, 2018

   To ensure food safety of the vast and extensive network of Food Businesses in India, in addition to the existing enforcement and inspection procedure, the auditing of Food Businesses through FSSAI recognized private auditing agencies is inevitable. Hence, FSSAI has recognized Food Safety Auditors under the FSS (Food Safety Auditing)
Regulations 2018 to audit food businesses on its behalf. The agencies are recognized for conducting audits to ascertain the compliance with standards of food safety and hygiene prescribed under Schedule 4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulation, 2011. The list of agencies recognized is available at https://fssai.gov.in/home/safe-food-practices/THIRD-PARTY-AUDITS.html. The list of agencies specifically recognised for Catering Sector is enclosed at Annexure 4.

C. Hygiene Rating Auditing Agencies

A separate pool of auditors will be empanelled for this Hygiene Rating and Responsible Places to Eat Schemes. The list of agencies will be updated in the Serve Safe Portal of FSSAI (link).

D. Empaneling Trained Professionals

FDA may look for options for empaneling trained professionals of FoSTaC or may train Food Technology/ Food and Nutrition/ Hotel Management Graduates and train them in inspection processes. These trainers may be utilized only for hygiene rating and responsible place to eat schemes. The formal inspection may be done by regulatory staff later.

What is the Inspection Procedure?

Serve Safe portal is being integrated with the Food Safety Compliance through Regular Inspection & Sampling (FoSCoRIS) System. The inspection can be conducted through FoSCoRIS and the scores for the same will be converted into ratings and stickers on submission of inspection results FSO.

Alternate Procedure:

A FSO Dashboard is being created on Serve Safe Portal. The FSO may login to Serve Safe Portal using FLRS credential and conduct on spot inspection using a checklist available on the Serve Safe portal. The scores submitted will be converted into the ratings and stickers.

OR

It is preferred that inspections are conducted online. But in case of unavailability of an online option for inspection, physical inspections maybe carried out using the assessment checklist available on Serve Safe Portal. The same results may be uploaded later by filling the assessment checklist on Serve Safe Portal. To submit scores inspecting officer may login through Serve Safe Website (FSO may login by using FLRS credentials and agencies by registering and creating login on Serve Safe Portal). The scores maybe entered and a copy of inspection checklist may also be uploaded for FBOs reference and for keeping records.
Chapter 3: Re-verification of Rating

a. When to apply for Re verification?

Cases where FBO holding hygiene rating certificate is not satisfied with the current score given by inspecting officer/auditor after the inspection or audits and the final score of hygiene rating is lower than the self-assessment score. In addition, cases where FBO has done improvement of gaps found in first audit and want higher rating than the existing hygiene rating score.

b. How to apply for Re verification?

FBO will apply online for re verification by using login id and password of FLRS account. At the time of applying for Re verification online, FBO has to furnish the reason for which re verification request is made. Re verification request has to be filed within 15 days of issuance of hygiene rating certificate. Once requested for re verification, next request can be done only after the time period of six months.

c. What will be the process for Re-verification?

- On receipt of re-verification request, designated officer will assign the application to FSO (different from the officer at the time of initial audit) and verification to be done within 30 days period. Rating of re verification will be considered as final rating irrespective of the fact whether rating is lower than original rating or higher than original rating.

d. Re verification process in case of complaints?

- In case of any complaint, DO himself or by assigning any FSO will do re-verification of hygiene rating score within 15 days of the receipt of complaint. At the time of re verification complaint will be investigated and accordingly rating will be rejected or decreased or remain unchanged in cases where complaint is not found correct.
Chapter 5: Branding of Schemes

a. What does the scheme branding include?
The branding comprises of
- Hygiene Rating Scheme Certificate
- Hygiene Rating Scheme Certificate with Stickers of Responsible Place to Eat
- Logos
- Food Safety Display Boards (FSDBs)
- Posters
- Information brochures/ pamphlets/ advertisements etc. printed for awareness of citizens and FBOs
- Serve Safe Website

b. What are the key considerations while branding?

Proper use of branding is critical to ensure that the credibility and integrity of the Food Hygiene Rating and Responsible Place to Eat Schemes are maintained.

FBO should ensure that certificate, logos, stickers are printed as per the design and sizes as specified Hygiene Rating Certificate should be preferably printed on A3 size sheet in the colors, defined in the design. Though flexibility is provided in the designs, content and branding space being used for disseminating information about various criteria of Responsible Place to Eat Scheme. It is permitted to use various branding objects at spaces such as walls, doors, television, website, napkins, table mats, etc. for promotion of scheme and dissemination of key messages.

The awareness material both in digital and print format, prepared for purpose of generating awareness should have the logo of FSSAI, Hygiene Rating, and Responsible Place to Eat. The key facts included should only come from the key resources created for the schemes.

FDA should ensure that the branding of the schemes is done as per the set criteria only.

Note: All the necessary branding material is available on website www.fssai.gov.in/servesafe
Annexures
## Annexure 1

**List of Microbial and Physio-Chemical Tests suggested for Catering Sector**

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<th>Food group</th>
<th>Microbiological Parameters</th>
<th>Physio-chemical Parameters</th>
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| 1.     | All Food Products (Except Below) and swab samples Food contact Material | • Total Plate Count  
• E.Coli  
• Coliform count  
• Staphylococcus spp.  
• Salmonella spp. | |
| 2.     | Raw veg and cooked Veg | • E.coli  
• Listeria spp. | • Moisture  
• Protein  
• Fat |
| 3.     | Meat and meat products | • Staphylococcus aureus  
• Salmonella spp.  
• Listeria monocytogenes  
• Aerobic Plate Count  
• Yeast & Mold  
• E.coli  
• Sulphite Reducing Clostridia  
• Clostridium Botulinum (Canned/Retort)  
• Campylobacter spp. (Canned/Retort) | • Moisture  
• Protein  
• Fat |
| 4.     | Poultry | • Staphylococcus aureus  
• Salmonella spp.  
• Aerobic Plate Count  
• Yeast & Mold  
• E.coli  
• Sulphite Reducing Clostridia  
• Clostridium Botulinum (Canned/Retort)  
• Campylobacter spp. (Canned/Retort) | • Moisture  
• Protein  
• Fat |
| 5.     | Sea foods | • TPC  
• E.coli  
• Vibrio Cholerae  
• Vibrio parahaemolyticus  
• Staphylococcus aureus  
• Shigella spp.  
• Salmonella spp.  
• Listeria monocytogenes | • Acidity (pH)  
• Moisture  
• Protein  
• Fat  
• Histamine Content  
• TVBN (Total Volatile Base Nitrogen) |
| 6. Milk and milk products | • Total Plate Count  
• Escherichia coli  
• Coliform  
• Listeria monocytogenes  
• Staphylococcus aureus  
• Bacillus cereus  
• Sulphite Reducing Clostridia  
• Salmonella spp.  
• Yeast & Mold  
• Enterobacter sakazakii (Cronobacter sp.) | • Titratable acidity (pH)  
• Nitrogen content  
• Total casein/Protein  
• Lactose content  
• Specific gravity  
• Fat & SNF |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7. Bakery products       | • Yeast & Mold  
• Salmonella  
• Listeria  
• Staphylococcus aureus  
• E.coli | • pH  
• Bulk density  
• Moisture content  
• Total ash  
• Loaf volume (Bread)  
• Specific volume (Bread)  
• Thickness (Cookies)  
• Diameter (Cookies)  
• Spread ratio (Cookies) |
| 8. Water & Ice           | As per FSSAI requirements                                                      | As per FSSAI requirements and;  
• Color  
• Odor  
• Taste  
• Turbidity  
• pH  
• TDS (Total Dissolved Solids)  
• TH (total hardness)  
• Iron content  
• Chloride content  
• Nitrate content |
Annexure 2  
Inspection Checklist for Hygiene Rating Scheme  

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<td>Food establishment has an updated FSSAI license and is displayed at a prominent location.</td>
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<td>Design &amp; facilities</td>
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<td>The design of food premises provides adequate working space; permit maintenance &amp; cleaning to prevent the entry of dirt, dust &amp; pests.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>The internal structure &amp; fittings are made of non-toxic and impermeable material.</td>
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<td>Walls, ceilings &amp; doors are free from flaking paint or plaster, condensation &amp; shedding particles.</td>
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<td>Floors are non-absorbent, non-slippery &amp; sloped appropriately.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Windows are kept closed &amp; fitted with insect proof screen when opening to external environment.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Doors are smooth and non-absorbent. Suitable precautions have been taken to prevent entry of pests.</td>
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<td>8*</td>
<td>Potable water (meeting standards of IS:10500 &amp; tested semi-annually with records maintained thereof) is used as product ingredient or in contact with food or food contact surface.</td>
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<td>Equipment and containers are made of non-toxic, impervious, non-corrosive material which is easy to clean &amp; disinfect.</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Adequate facilities for heating, cooling, refrigeration and freezing food &amp; facilitate monitoring of temperature.</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Premise has sufficient lighting. Lighting fixtures are protected to prevent contamination on breakage.</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Adequate ventilation is provided within the premises.</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>An adequate storage facility for food, packaging materials, chemicals, personnel items etc. is available.</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Personnel hygiene facilities are available including adequate number of hand washing facilities, toilets, change rooms for employees.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Food material is tested either through internal laboratory or through an accredited lab. Check for records.</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Control of operation</td>
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<td>Incoming material is procured as per internally laid down specification from approved vendors. Check for records (like certificate of analysis, Form E, specifications, name and address of the supplier, batch no., mfg., use by/expiry date, quantity procured etc.)</td>
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<td>Raw materials are inspected at the time of receiving for food safety.</td>
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<td>Incoming material, semi or final products are stored according to their temperature requirement in a hygienic environment to avoid deterioration and protect from contamination. FIFO &amp; FEFO is practiced. (Foods of animal origin are stored at a temperature less than or equal to 4°C.)</td>
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<td>All raw materials is cleaned thoroughly before food preparation.</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>Proper segregation of raw, cooked; vegetarian and non-vegetarian food is done.</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td>All the equipment is adequately sanitized before and after food preparation.</td>
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<td>22*</td>
<td>Frozen food is thawed hygienically. No thawed food is stored for later use. (Meat, fish and poultry is thawed in refrigerator at 5°C or below or in microwave. Shellfish/seafood is thawed in cold potable running water at 15°C or below within 90 minutes.</td>
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<td>Vegetarian items are cooked to a minimum of 60°C for 10 minutes or 65°C for 2 minutes core food temperature. Non vegetarian items are cooked for a minimum of 65°C for 10 minutes or 70°C for 2 minutes or 75°C for 15 seconds core food temperature.</td>
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<td>24*</td>
<td>Cooked food intended for refrigeration is cooled appropriately. (High risk food is cooled from 60°C to 21°C within 2 hours or less and further cooled to 5°C within two hours or less.)</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>Food portioning is done in hygienic conditions. High risk food is portioned in a refrigerated area or portioned and refrigerated within 30 minutes. Large amount of food is portioned below 15°C.</td>
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<td>26*</td>
<td>Hot food intended for consumption is held at 65°C and non-vegetarian food intended for consumption is held at 70°C. Cold foods are maintained at 5°C or below and frozen products are held at -18°C or below. (*Hot food is kept above 65°C and cold food is kept below 5°C but below 10°C upto 42 hours for not more than two hours only once.)</td>
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<td>27*</td>
<td>Reheating is done appropriately and no indirect of reheating such as adding hot water or reheating under bain marie or reheating under lamp are being used. (The core temperature of food reaches 75°C and is reheated for at least 2 minutes at this temperature.)</td>
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<td>Oil being used is suitable for cooking purposes is being used. Periodic verification of fat and oil by checking the color, the flavour and floated elements is being done.</td>
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<td>29*</td>
<td>Vehicle intended for food transportation are kept clean and maintained in good repair &amp; are maintain required temperature. (Hot foods are held at 65°C, cold foods at 5°C and frozen item -18°C during transportation or transported within 2 hours of food preparation)</td>
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<td>Food and non-food products transported at same time in the same vehicle is separated adequately to avoid any risk to food.</td>
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<td>Cutlery, crockery used for serving and dinner accompaniments at dining service are clean and sanitized free from unhygienic matters.</td>
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<td>Packaging and wrapping material coming in contact with food is clean and of food grade quality.</td>
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### III. Maintenance & sanitation

| 33 | Cleaning of equipment, food premises is done as per cleaning schedule & cleaning programme. There should be no stagnation of water in food zones. | 2 |
| 34 | Preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery are carried out regularly as per the instructions of the manufacturer. Check for records. | 2 |
| 35 | Measuring & monitoring devices are calibrated periodically. | 2 |
| 36 | Pest control program is available & pest control activities are carried out by trained and experienced personnel. Check for records. | 2 |
| 37* | No signs of pest activity or infestation in premises (eggs, larvae, faeces etc.) | 4 |
| 38 | Drains are designed to meet expected flow loads and equipped with grease and cockroach traps to capture contaminants and pests. | 2 |
| 39 | Food waste and other refuse are removed periodically from food handling areas to avoid accumulation. | 2 |

### IV. Personal Hygiene

| 40 | Annual medical examination & inoculation of food handlers against the enteric group of diseases as per recommended schedule of the vaccine is done. Check for records. | 2 |
| 41 | No person suffering from a disease or illness or with open wounds or burns is involved in handling of food or materials which come in contact with food. | 2 |
| 42* | Food handlers maintain personal cleanliness (clean clothes, trimmed nails & water proof bandage etc.) and personal behavior (hand washing, no loose jewellery, no smoking, no spitting etc.) | 4 |
| 43 | Food handlers are equipped with suitable aprons, gloves, headgear, etc.; wherever necessary. | 2 |

### V. Training & records keeping

| 44 | Internal / External audit of the system is done periodically. Check for records. | 2 |
| 45 | Food Business has an effective consumer complaints redressal mechanism. | 2 |
| 46 | Food handlers have the necessary knowledge and skills & trained to handle food safely. Check for training records. | 2 |
| 47* | Appropriate documentation & records are available and retained for a period of one year, whichever is more. | 4 |

Total points ....../114

Asterisk mark (*) questions may significantly impact food safety & therefore must be addressed as a priority.
Failure in any of the asterisk mark questions, will lead to Non-compliance.
## Annexure 3
### Inspection Checklist for Responsible Place to Eat Scheme

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<td><strong>Promote Personal Hygiene</strong></td>
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<td>I have displayed health and hygiene related posters at prominent locations</td>
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<td>I ensure adequate facilities like toilets, footbath, soap, hand drying facility and nail cutter in the premise</td>
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<td>I ensure that the food handlers wear clean clothes, head cover, apron, mouth mask and use gloves.</td>
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<td>I ensure availability of hand wash stations for consumers</td>
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<td>I have displayed messages around food hygiene and safety habits like hand wash before meal at relevant places</td>
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<td>II.</td>
<td><strong>Promote healthy eating</strong></td>
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<td>I have put SNF logo on fortified foods and healthy eating practices at various positions</td>
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<td>I have displayed appropriate messages on safe food handling at relevant places</td>
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<td>I offer low salt, low sugar and low fat options in the menu</td>
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<td>I provide nutritional value of the food items in the menu</td>
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<td>I have included healthy alternative in the menu</td>
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<td>We print nutritional labels and requisite information on all our packaged foods</td>
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<td>III.</td>
<td><strong>Promote safe water handling practices</strong></td>
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<td>I create awareness regarding safe water consumption amongst the visitors</td>
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<td>IV.</td>
<td><strong>Effective complaint handling</strong></td>
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<td>I have implemented a consumer redressal and feedback management system</td>
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<td>V.</td>
<td><strong>Open kitchen or kitchen visits</strong></td>
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<td>I have an open kitchen and allow consumers to walk-in freely anytime.</td>
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<td>VI.</td>
<td><strong>Donate Food</strong></td>
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<td>I have partnership with food recovery organizations to donate surplus food</td>
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<td>I have adopted a waste tracking system</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>I offer options in portion size in menu</td>
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<td>I encourage diners to take leftovers home</td>
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### Scoring:
- I. 3 out of 5
- II. 3 out of 6
- III. All
- IV. All
- V. All
- VI. 2 out of 4
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Re-verification Form

Business Details

Name of Food Business: __________________________
FSSAI License No.: ____________________________
Business Address: ______________________________
Telephone No. ____________________________ Business Email: ____________________________

Inspection Details

Date of Last Inspection: ______________ Inspection Officer: ____________________________
Date of Notified Rating: ______________

Reverification

I am requesting for reverification for food hygiene rating/ responsible place to given by the inspecting officer because (please explain below under each of the three headings).

A. I have implemented non-compliant food hygiene and safety procedures
   Give details? _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

   Yes/No

B. I have implemented Responsible Place to Eat Scheme or included more components of it.
   Yes/ No
   Give details of the points included?
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

Signature__________________________ Date _______________________

Name of Nodal Officer ________________________
Designation ________________________
HYGIENE RATING CERTIFICATE SAMPLE

HYGIENE RATING

Need Improvement

Sample Name

Location

"Is a Responsible Place to Eat"

This restaurant adds value to society by promoting:

- Personal Hygiene
- Healthy Eating
- Safe/wholesome food handling practices
- Effective complaint handling
- Open Kitchen
- Donate food

Date of inspection: ____________________________
Valid upto: ____________________________

Authorized Signature

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# Food Safety Display Boards

(Please Mention Your License no.)

**With Us You Will Get Safe Food**

**We Follow These 12 Golden Rules**

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<td>Use potable water for food preparation</td>
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<td>Cook food thoroughly. Keep hot food above 60°C and cold food below 5°C</td>
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<td>Store veg &amp; non veg food, raw &amp; cooked food in separate containers</td>
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<td>Store cold food below 5°C and frozen products at -18°C or below</td>
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<td>Use separate chopping boards, knives, etc. for raw/cooked &amp; veg/non veg food</td>
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If any concern

Give your Feedback to Company Name

**Call toll free**

1800 112 100

**SMS or Whatsapp**

9868686868

Always quote FSSAI Number for quick action

Download FSSAI APP or log on to https://foodlicenseapp.fssai.gov.in/efssai

(Company Name)

(Contact Details)

Connect with us:

1. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

2. fssaiindia
One of the Posters designed for Responsible Place to Eat
(More available at www.fssai.gov.in/servesafe)

OUR BODY IS 70% WATER.
DRINK 8-10 GLASSES OF WATER A DAY.