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Attention is drawn to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 Rules and Regulations 2011, which have been implemented nationwide with effect from 05 August 2011. Under this Act, Alcoholic drinks are also classified as food. Therefore under this law, all Food Business Operators (FBOs) are required to obtain a licence from the State/Central Licensing authorities designated by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, Rules and Regulations 2011, the following categories are required to obtain the FSSAI licence:

(a) Manufacturer
(b) Importer
(c) Marketer
(d) Storage
(e) Supplier
(f) Retailer

In view of the above, it is evident that all businesses engaged in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in the State are required to obtain FSSAI Licence.

It is therefore directed that all Excise Licensees including retailers and distributors, importers, warehouses, suppliers and manufacturing units should obtain the FSSAI Licence without delay. This will ensure end to end compliance of the alcoholic beverage business in the State and enable all stakeholders to meet the condition for grant of FSSAI licence.

Therefore all the Superintendents of Excise/ Excise Inspectors are directed to bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of Licence Holders under their respective jurisdiction for compliance.

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Commissioner of Excise

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Excise Inspector, I/c

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