

## **FSSAI cancels manufacturing licences of 111 spice producers**

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The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has revoked the manufacturing licences of 111 spice producers over the past month, instructing them to halt production immediately.

FSSAI has taken action after finding that recent spice samples from India contained ethylene oxide levels exceeding permissible limits in some overseas markets. The regulator has already cancelled the licences of 111 spice manufacturers, with the possibility of more cancellations as it continues testing 4,000 samples nationwide. These samples include products from well-known brands such as Everest, MDH, Catch, and Badshah, among others.

According to the officials, the majority of the cancelled licences belong to small spice makers from Kerala and Tamil Nadu, with companies from Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh also under scrutiny. Most of these 111 companies are small-scale and could not be contacted as they lack official websites, contact numbers, or email IDs.

Earlier this year, renowned Indian spice makers such as MDH and Everest came under scrutiny in overseas markets, including the US, Hong Kong, and Singapore, due to quality concerns.

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