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**Press Release** 

## Circulation of Fake/ Forged Order in the Name of FSSAI

**New Delhi, March 03, 2020:** It has been brought to the notice of The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) that an order FNo Std/SP-10/T (Formaldehyde) dated 12.02.2020 is being circulated on social media and amongst food businesses which mentions a *"notice of Rs 1200/- for the one-year security fine for the said industry/ company"*.

It is clarified that FSSAI has not issued any such order dated 12.02.2020 related to a fine of Rs 1200. All the food businesses and other stake holders including State Food Safety Authorities are advised to verify / confirm the veracity of any order released by FSSAI on the official website of FSSAI (www.fssai.gov.in) before making any payment or initiating any other action.

It appears some individuals are trying to cheat food businesses or other stake holders through these fake orders. Combatting such mischief and fake news requires one to be vigilant. FSSAI requests anyone who comes across such mischief to alert the appropriate authorities in the state food safety departments or at FSSAI's regional offices or the headquarters at Delhi. FSSAI is taking legal action about this incident of forgery and spreading a fake order.

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