

**Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has issued a notice to all state Food Safety Commissioners.**

**Here are the brief facts:**

- 1) Municipal Corporations are not licensing authorities anymore and all meat shops and slaughterhouses must have FSSAI license. (The penalty is upto Rs 5 lakh a day)
- 2) Transport of animals for slaughter has to be as per FSSAI Regulations (licensing and Registration) 2011.
- 3) No Meat shop is allowed to slaughter animals. Even chicken or fish.
- 4) No animal other than sheep, goat, bovines, pigs, poultry, fish are allowed to be slaughtered for food. This makes it illegal to slaughter rabbits, dogs, cats, camels or any other animals anywhere in India.
- 5) Please take a printout of the attached letter and meet the Food Safety Commissioner of your state, or at least the FSSAI Designated Officer in your district and get this implemented.
- 6) There is no bigger killer of animals than the meat industry. They flout every law and they kill more and more every day.
- 7) If you take action against 1 chicken stall, you will save at least 4,000 birds in one year.
- 8) Most meat shops employ young children. Use Section 3 of the Child Labor Act 1986.
- 9) They are a public nuisance under Section 268 of IPC and may be negligently spreading infectious diseases under Section 269 of IPC.
- 10) Roadside meat shops make a mockery of the The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974. You can report it to the Pollution Control Board of your state.
- 11) No point preaching veganism to a community whose sensibilities are as dull as the knives with which they hack the animals, EVERY DAY. Act NOW.