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Report Name: FSSAI Extends Implementation Date for Trans-Fat Limits in Processed Food Products

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India published a directive that extends its implementation date for trans-fat limits in processed food products. The new implementation dates for trans-fat limits of three percent by weight, and not more than two percent are April 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022, respectively.

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General Information:

On January 8, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a directive to extend its implementation date for trans-fat limits in processed food products. The implementation date has been extended to accommodate submissions received from stakeholders and to facilitate a smooth transition in adhering to the new trans-fat limit requirements.

The directive states that *“enforcement for the trans fatty acids (TFA) limit of 3% by weight shall commence w.e.f. April 1, 2021 and for such products manufactured on or after April 1, 2021. No enforcement action shall be initiated for TFA limit (of 3%) for the said products manufactured before April 1, 2021 for enforcement of the said limit. Similarly, with respect to the provision that the TFA shall not be more than 2% by weight on and from January 1, 2022, the said limit shall be enforced only on the products manufactured on or after January 1, 2022 and not before the said date.”*

The full text of FSSAI's directive included below and can also be accessed on its website at:

<https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2021/01/5ff9364916944Direction Limits Trans Fatty Acids 08 01 2021.pdf>

F. No. 12 (14)/2020/Trans Fat/RCD/FSSAI
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory body under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India)
(Regulatory Compliance Division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002

Dated the, 07th January, 2021

To,

1. The Commissioner of Food Safety of All States/UTs
2. All Central Licensing Authorities (Delhi/Mumbai/Chennai/Kolkata/Guwahati)

Subject: - Directions regarding enforcement of maximum limits of trans fatty acids in Vegetable Oils/Fats products under Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Tenth Amendment Regulations, 2020.-Reg.

Sir/Madam,


Reference is invited to the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Tenth Amendment Regulations, 2020 as Gazette notified vide Notification No. F. No. 1-116/Scientific Committee/Notif./2010-FSSAI dated 29.12.2020 which *inter alia* stipulates that the vegetable oils/fats products as mentioned in the said Notification "shall not contain trans fatty acids more than 5 % by weight: Provided that maximum limit of trans fatty acid shall not be more than 3% by weight, on and from 1st January, 2021 and not more than 2% by weight, on and from 1st January, 2022."

In this regard, in view of the representations received from the industry and to facilitate smooth transition for the industry to the new norms for the trans fatty acids (TFAs), it is directed that the enforcement for the TFA limit of 3% by weight shall commence w.e.f. 01st April, 2021 and for such products manufactured on or after 01st April, 2021. No enforcement action shall be initiated for TFA limit (of 3%) for the said products manufactured before 01st April, 2021 for enforcement of the said limit.

Similarly, it is further clarified that with respect to the provision that the TFA shall not be more than 2% by weight, on and from 1st January, 2022, the said limit shall be enforced only on the products manufactured on or after 1st January, 2022 and not before the said date.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the powers vested under Section-16 (5) of the FSS Act, 2006.

Yours sincerely,


(Shobhit Jain)

Executive Director (Compliance Strategy)

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1. CITO, FSSAI-for uploading on FSSAI website immediately.
2. Advisor (QA)/Advisor (Science & Standards) FSSAI, HQ, New Delhi-For information.
3. All Regional Directors of FSSAI- For information.

Attachments:

No Attachments.