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Report Highlights:

On November 28, 2023, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published Order F. No: TIC-B02/3/2023-IMPORTS-FSSAI. This FSSAI order allows for the rectification of all non-compliant labels on imported food consignments at the port-of-entry. This can now be accomplished by affixing a single, non-detachable sticker, or by any other non-detachable method within the confines of an India Central Board of Excise and Customs (Customs) bonded warehouse before the visual inspection, or the re-inspection, by the FSSAI authorities. The list of permissible rectification label components, however, excludes: (i) Lot number/Code number/Batch identification, (ii) Date marking (“Date of manufacture or packaging” and “Expiry/Use by/Best before”), and (iii) Country of origin for imported foods. These labeling components cannot be changed, altered, modified, or rectified and should be on the label of the imported food product when it arrives at the Indian port.

**APPENDIX I: FSSAI Order F. No: TIC-B02/3/2023-IMPORTS-FSSAI – UPDATED
RECTIFIABLE LABELING INFORMATION FOR IMPORTED FOOD PRODUCTS**

F. No: TIC-B02/3/2023-IMPORTS-FSSAI
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
(A Statutory Authority established under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)
(Trade and International Cooperation Division-TICD)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi- 110002

Dated, the 29th November, 2023

Order

Subject: Rectifiable labelling information for imported food consignments -reg.

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 25 of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 read with the regulation 6 (4)(e) of Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulation, 2017, it has been decided by the Competent Authority that all labelling deficiencies on imported food consignment may be permitted for rectification in the custom bonded warehouse, except the following:


- 1) Lot No. / Code No. / Batch identification
- 2) Date Marking [Date of manufacture or packaging” and “Expiry/Use by/Best Before]
- 3) Country of Origin for Imported Foods

2. The Label rectification has to be carried out at Customs bonded warehouses, before visual inspection or re-inspection by the Authorised Officer or his representative, by affixing a single non detachable sticker or by any other non-detachable method.

3. The Authorized Officer/his representative shall verify the label compliance during visual inspection and the consignment shall be subject to sampling and testing only if it is compliant on labelling requirements as per the FSS Regulations.

4. The above modifications are done to facilitate ease of doing business while ensuring the safety of food imported into India. This office order supersedes all previous orders issued in this regard.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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FSSAI, New Delhi

Attachments:

No Attachments.