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## **Report Name:** India's FSSAI Proposes Claims on Additional Categories of Edible Vegetable Oil

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### **Report Highlights:**

On August 27, 2021, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified on its website the proposal to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Amendment Regulations (2018), to introduce claims made on additional categories of edible vegetable oil. World Trade Organization (WTO) members are invited to comment on the proposed draft amendment (see, WTO notification G/SPS/N/IND/266 of September 13, 2021); the timeline to provide comments by is November 12, 2021.

**DISCLAIMER:** The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) website <http://www.fssai.gov.in>. The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi – Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Office of Agricultural Affairs (OAA), USDA and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity. The Government of India has not officially endorsed this report. Import approval for any product is subject to local rules and regulations as interpreted by Indian officials at the time of product entry. [Note: Use Google Chrome to access the links if they do not open in Internet Explorer].

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

On August 27, 2021, The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified on its website the proposal to amend the [Food Safety and Standards \(Advertising and Claims\) Regulation \(2018\)](#), to introduce claims made on additional categories of edible vegetable oil (see, Appendix I). The new categories included are virgin coconut oil, chia oil, avocado oil, sunflower seed oil – high oleic acid and safflower seed oil – high oleic acid.

FAS New Delhi recommends that interested stakeholders thoroughly read the draft amendment before providing comments. World Trade Organization (WTO) members are invited to comment on the proposed draft amendment ([WTO notification G/SPS/N/IND/266](#) of September 13, 2021); the timeline to provide comments by is November 12, 2021.

The full text of the proposed draft amendment is accessible on the FSSAI's website located at: [https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft\\_Notification\\_Claims\\_Oils\\_27\\_08\\_2021.pdf](https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft_Notification_Claims_Oils_27_08_2021.pdf)

Comments should be sent to:

The Chief Executive Officer  
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
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New Delhi – 110002  
Email: [spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in](mailto:spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in)

## **Details of Draft Regulation**

**Publication Date on the FSSAI Website:** August 27, 2021

**Publication Date on the WTO Website:** September 13, 2021

**Date of Implementation:** Date of final publication in the Official Gazette of India

**Final Date for Comments:** November 12, 2021

# APPENDIX 1: DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (ADVERTISING AND CLAIMS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (2021)

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 19th August, 2021

**F. No. 1-Stds/SP(L&C/A)/Oil Claims/FSSAI-2018.**—The following draft of certain regulations to further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018, which the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, proposes to make with previous approval of the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (k) and (v) of sub-section (2) of section 92, read with the section 23 and section 24 of the

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Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required by the said sub-section (1) of section 92 of the said Act, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published are made available to the public;

Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 or sent on email at [regulation@fssai.gov.in](mailto:regulation@fssai.gov.in);

The objections and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulations before the expiry of the period so specified, will be considered by the Food Authority.

#### Draft regulations

- (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising & Claims) Amendment Regulations, 2021.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising & Claims) Regulations, 2018 (herein after refer as said regulations), in Schedule II-A, after S.No. 15, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:—

Sl. No.	Edible Vegetable Oil	Claims
16.	Virgin Coconut Oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contains medium chain fatty acids that are easily metabolized.</li></ul>
17.	Chia Oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rich in Omega-3 Poly Unsaturated Fatty Acid (Omega-3 PUFA, Alpha linolenic acid);</li><li>Alpha linolenic acid is an essential fatty acid that contributes to the maintenance of normal blood cholesterol levels.</li></ul>
18.	Avocado Oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rich in Mono Unsaturated Fatty Acid (MUFA) that helps to maintain normal blood cholesterol levels.</li></ul>
19.	Sunflower seed Oil-High Oleic Acid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rich in Mono Unsaturated Fatty Acid (MUFA) that helps to maintain normal blood cholesterol levels.</li><li>Contains Tocopherols which are natural antioxidant.</li></ul>
20.	Safflowerseed Oil-High Oleic Acid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rich in Mono Unsaturated Fatty Acid (MUFA) that helps to maintain normal blood cholesterol levels.</li></ul>

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**Note.**— The principal regulation were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part III, Section 4, vide notification number F. No. 1-94/FSSAI/SP(Claims and Advertisements)/2017, dated 19th November, 2018.

#### Attachments:

No Attachments.