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Report Highlights:

On March 29, 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued order number Std/SP-05/Orders/FSSAI [E-1317], pertaining to the Food Safety and Standards (Food for Infant Nutrition) Regulations (2020). The new FSSAI order extends the implementation date of the regulations to October 1, 2022. The implementation timeline is being extended by the FSSAI to accommodate industry associations' representations (i.e., written commentary and concerns). Local industry is requiring additional time to reformulate and manufacture infant food products in line with the revised standards' levels for manganese, selenium, biotin, and iron.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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In the interim, however, the FSSAI is operationalizing the revised limits of the nutrients for products listed in the FSSAI order as Annexure 1, effective April 1, 2022, onwards. The measure is meant to provide local industry the time needed to phase in new product production while allowing for already manufactured product to be marketed.

The full text of the FSSAI directive is accessible on the FSSAI website located at: https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2022/03/62441ac13c737Order_Infant_Nutrition_30_03_2022.pdf.

APPENDIX I – FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (FOOD FOR INFANT NUTRITION) REGULATIONS (2020) WITH REVISED LEVELS OF MANGANESE, SELENIUM, BIOTIN, AND IRON

F. No. Stds/SP-05/Orders/FSSAI [E-1317]
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)
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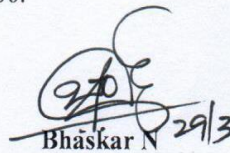
29th March, 2022

ORDER

Subject: Implementation of FSS (Food for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020 – reg.

Reference is drawn to direction issued dated 22nd June 2021 under section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 wherein the transition period for the implementation of FSS (Food for Infant Nutrition), regulations 2020 was extended upto 31st March 2022.

2. However, representations were received from industry associations regarding difficulty in reformulating & manufacturing infant food products adhering to the levels of Manganese, Selenium, Biotin and Iron as prescribed in various standards for Infant Nutrition.
3. After due consideration and concurrence of the concerned Scientific Panel, it has been decided to revised the limits of above said nutrients for products as mentioned in *Annexure 1*.
4. FSS (Food for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020 with the revised limits of nutrients as mentioned in the *Annexure 1* shall be effective from 1st April 2022. Keeping in view the fact that products need to be reformulated with the revised limits, the regulations shall be enforced from 1st October 2022.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority, in exercise of the power vested under the section 16(5) of the Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006.


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ANNEXURE 1

Revised values of Manganese, Selenium, Biotin and Iron in various Standards for Infant Nutrition

Sr. No	Nutrient	Revised Values per 100 g	Revised Values per 100 kcal
1.	Manganese (mcg) For Follow up Formula:	5.00-500.00	1.00 - 106.40
2.	Selenium(mcg) For IF, FUF, MCCF* and PCCF**:	5.00 - 40.00	1.00-8.50
3.	Biotin (mcg) For Follow up Formula:	7.50- 50.00	1.60 - 10.60
4.	Iron(mg) For PCCF:	2.00 - 5.65	0.42-1.20

*Milk cereal based complementary food, **Processed cereal based complementary food

Attachments:

No Attachments.