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**Report Name:** India's FSSAI Publishes 2023 Draft Amendments to the Foods for Infant Nutrition Regulations

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**Report Highlights:**

On April 5, 2023, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued Notification No. F. No. Std/SP-05/T(IFR-02). The notification was published in the Gazette of India (official gazette) on March 29, 2023, covering the draft amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations (2020). Amendments include limit specifications for selenium, iron, biotin, and manganese in infant nutrition foods. World Trade Organization (WTO) members are invited to comment on the proposed draft amendment; the timeline to provide comments is June 24, 2023.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

On April 5, 2023, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued **Notification No. F. No. Std/SP-05/T(IFR-02)** (see, Appendix D). The notification was published in the Gazette of India (official gazette) on March 29, 2023, covering draft amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations (2020). Amendments include limit specifications for selenium, iron, biotin, and manganese in infant nutrition foods.

### Background Chronology:

Date	Description	GAIN Report #
December 14, 2020	<a href="#">India: Final Standards for Infant Nutrition Foods Published in Indian Gazette</a>	IN2020-0192
April 5, 2021	<a href="#">India: FSSAI Publishes Corrections to Nutrient Levels in the Final Foods for Infant Nutrition Regulations of 2020</a>	IN2021-0047
June 22, 2021	<a href="#">India: FSSAI Extends Implementation Date for Infant Nutrition Foods Standard</a>	IN2021-0078
September 6, 2021	<a href="#">India: FSSAI Mandates BIS Certification Mark on Infant Nutrition Foods</a>	IN2021-0124
September 22, 2021	<a href="#">India: FSSAI Publishes Draft Amendments for the Infant Nutrition Foods Regulation</a>	IN2021-0125
March 29, 2022	<a href="#">India: FSSAI Extends the Implementation Timeline for Infant Food Nutrition Regulations</a>	IN2022-0039

World Trade Organization (WTO) members are invited to comment on the proposed draft amendment; the timeline to provide comments is June 24, 2023. The full text of the proposed draft amendment is located on the FSSAI website at:

<https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Notification1.pdf>

**Comments should be sent to:**

The Chief Executive Officer  
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
3rd Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road  
New Delhi – 110002  
Email: [spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in](mailto:spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in)

**Draft Regulation Details:**

**Publication Date on the FSSAI Website:** April 5, 2023

**Final Date for Comments:** June 24, 2023

**APPENDIX I: FSSAI'S FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (FOODS FOR INFANT NUTRITION) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2023**

**FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 29th March, 2023

**F. No. Std/SP-05/T(IFR-02).**—The following draft of certain regulations, further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020, which the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India proposes to make with the previous approval of the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), is hereby published as required by sub-section (1) thereof, 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 a period of sixty days from the date on which 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.

Objections or suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulations before the expiry of the period so specified, shall be considered by the Food Authority.

**Draft Regulation**

1. These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulations, 2023.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020,-
  - (1) In regulation 7, in sub-regulation (1), in clause (g), in the table for serial no 34 and the entries relating thereto the following serial number and entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“34.	Selenium,µg	5-40	1-8.5”;
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- (2) In regulation 8, in sub-regulation (1), in clause (e), in the table for serial number 11 and the entry relating thereto, the following serial number and entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“11.	Selenium,µg	5-40	1-8.5”;
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- (3) In regulation 9, in clause (f) of sub-regulation (1), in the table,-

- (i) for serial number 15 and the entry relating thereto, the following serial number and entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“15.	Iron, mg	2-5.65	0.40-1.20”;
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(ii) for serial number 23 and the entry relating thereto, the following serial number and entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“23.	Selenium,µg	5-40	1-8.5”;
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(4)In regulation 10,inclause (h) of sub-regulation (1), in the table,-

(i) for serial number 17 and the entry relating thereto, the following serial number and entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“17.	Biotin, µg	7.50-50	1.60-10.60”;
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(ii) for serial number 28 and the entry relating thereto, the following serial number and entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“28.	Manganese, µg	5-175	1-37.20
		5-400(for Lactose free Follow up Formula)	1-85.10(for Lactose free Follow up Formula)”;

(iii) for serial number 29 and the entry relating thereto, the following serial number and entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“29.	Selenium,µg	5-40	1-8.5”.
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**Attachments:**

No Attachments.