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Report Highlights:

On February 28, 2023, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Second Amendment Regulations (2023) in the Gazette of India (Notification No. STD/FA/A-1.30/No.1/2020-FSSAI). The amendments introduce new standards, as well as modifies existing requirements for a variety of food products including goat milk, sheep milk, oil (olive/moringa/crude vegetable), atta (whole meal wheat flour), millets, papad, dried sweet marjoram, meat products, non-alcoholic beverages, sweeteners, and desiccated coconut. Amendments also cover substances added to food, as well as microbiological standards for health supplements, nutraceuticals, food for special dietary use, food for special medical purpose, functional food, and novel food products.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

On February 28, 2023, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published **Notification No. STD/FA/A-1.30/No.1/2020-FSSAI - Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Second Amendment Regulations (2023)** in the Gazette of India (official gazette).

The FSSAI's (food safety authority) amended regulations are introducing new standards, as well as modify existing requirements for a variety of food products including goat milk, sheep milk, oil (olive/moringa/crude vegetable), *atta* (whole meal wheat flour), millets, *papad* (Indian wafer, cracker or flatbread), dried sweet marjoram, meat products, non-alcoholic beverages, sweeteners, and desiccated coconut. The amendments also cover substances added to food, as well as microbiological standards for health supplements, nutraceuticals, food for special dietary use, food for special medical purpose, functional food, and novel food products.

The FSSAI notification also includes a press release on millets as its cover page. With the United Nations (UN) General Assembly declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets, India's food safety authority through this notification is framing comprehensive group standards for 15 types of millets, while specifying eight quality parameters. The objective behind this action is to provide greater opportunities to increase global production, more efficient processing, and better use of crop rotation as well as to promote millets as a major component of the national food basket.

The full text of the FSSAI notification is provided as an attachment to this report. The notification is also available on the FSSAI website located at:

<https://fssai.gov.in/upload/notifications/2023/02/63fdb05adf62csample.pdf>

Attachments:

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