

Voluntary Report – Voluntary - Public Distribution

Date: September 21, 2021

Report Number: IN2021-0107

Report Name: India's FSSAI Notifies Final Standards for Fortified Milk Powder and Iodine

Country: India

Post: New Delhi

Report Category: Exporter Guide, Agricultural Situation, Agriculture in the Economy, Policy and Program Announcements, Agriculture in the News, Dairy and Products, FAIRS Subject Report, MISC-Commodity, Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety, SP1 - Expand International Marketing Opportunities, SP2 - Prevent or Resolve Barriers to Trade that Hinder U.S. Food and Agricultural Exports

Prepared By: Radha Mani, Agricultural Assistant, and Mariano J. Beillard, Senior Regional Agricultural Attaché

Approved By: Mariano Beillard, Senior Regional Agricultural Attaché

Report Highlights:

On September 2, 2021, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) First Amendment Regulations (2021). The amendment regulations relate to both new and revised standards for fortified food products. The implementation date for the amendments is set for March 1, 2022.

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 September 2, 2021, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) First Amendment Regulations (2021) on its website (see, Appendix I). The notification was published in the Gazette of India (official gazette) on August 31, 2021. The amendment regulations relate to both new and revised standards for fortified food products. The implementation date for the amendments is set for March 1, 2022.

These amendments are now in final form and cover the following:

- A warning statement on every package of food that is fortified with iron is modified to state “People with Thalassemia may take under medical supervision and persons with Sickle Cell Anemia are advised not to consume iron fortified food products.”
- The level and source of nutrients in the ‘Iodine component’ is modified in Schedule I of the regulations. The revised levels are specified in the FSSAI notification.
- New standards for fortified milk powder.

The draft notification had previously been published on November 10, 2020. India has previously invited comments from the World Trade Organization's (WTO) members (see, [GAIN-INDIA - IN2020-0174 - India Notifies Fortified Food Product Draft Amendments](#)).

The full text of the notification is accessible on the FSSAI website located at: <https://fssai.gov.in/upload/notifications/2021/09/61306b1fbd6f6Gazette Notification Fortification Food 02 09 2021.pdf>

APPENDIX I: FSSAI NOTIFICATION ON FINAL STANDARDS FOR FORTIFIED MILK POWDER AND IODINE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th August, 2021

F. No. Stds/SP-18/A-1.12/N-1.—Whereas the draft of the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Amendment Regulations, 2020, were published as required under sub-section (1) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), *vide* notification of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India number F. No. Stds/SP-18/A-1.12/N-1, dated the 10th November, 2020, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4, inviting objections and suggestions from the persons likely to be affected thereby before the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification were made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 13th November, 2020;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public in respect of the said draft regulations have been considered by the Food Safety and standards Authority of India;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (e) of sub-section (2) of section 92 of the said Act, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018, namely:—

Regulations

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) First Amendment Regulations, 2021.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette and food business operator shall comply with all the provisions of these regulations with effect from 1st March, 2022.

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018,—

(1) for sub-regulations (4) of regulations 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) Every package of food, fortified with Iron shall carry a statement “*People with Thalassaemia may take under medical supervision and persons with Sickle Cell Anaemia are advised not to consume iron fortified food products.*”;

(2) in Schedule-I,—

(a) in clause 1, in table, under column (1), at serial number 1, for the entries under column (2) to (4), relating to “Iodine Content”, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Component</i>	<i>Level of nutrients</i>	<i>Source of Nutrients</i>
“1.	Iodine content	15-30 part per million (on dry weight basis.	Potassium Iodate”;

- (b) in Clause 3, related to the 'Fortified Milk', after the existing table, the following shall be inserted, namely:—

“3A. Fortified Milk Powder:

- (i) Milk powder, when fortified, shall be fortified with such levels of Vitamin A and D, so that the final reconstituted fortified milk shall comply with the levels of micronutrients specified in Clause 3 of Schedule-I related to 'Fortified Milk', when constituted as per the directions mentioned on the product label.
- (ii) It shall only be used in the Government Funded Programs for the purpose of preparation of 'Reconstituted Fortified Milk';
- (iii) In addition to the labelling provisions mentioned under Food Safety and Standards Regulations, the label of Fortified Milk Powder shall also carry the following statement:
- (a) NOT RECOMMENDED FOR DIRECT CONSUMPTION;
- (b) ONLY FOR USE UNDER _____ (Name of the Government Funded Programme);
- (c) TO BE CONSUMED ONLY AFTER RECONSTITUTION OF THE ENTIRE CONTENT AS PER THE DIRECTIONS ON THE LABEL.
- (d) PACK ONCE OPENED, TO BE CONSUMED ON THE SAME DAY.”;
- (c) for clause 6, related to 'Fortified Raw Rice', the following shall be substituted, namely:—
“6. Fortified Rice”.

ARUN SINGHAL, Chief Executive Officer

[ADVT.-III/4/Exty./222/2021-22]

Attachments:

No Attachments.