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Compliance Timeline Extended for Labeling of Milk and Milk Products

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Report Highlights:

On December 27, 2018, the Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a notification to extend the compliance date on labeling requirements for 'frozen desserts or confections with added vegetable oil/fat or vegetable protein, or both,' until July 1, 2019.

General Information:

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On December 27, 2018, FSSAI extended the timeline to comply with the labeling provisions for 'Frozen Dessert or Confection' products with added vegetable oil/fat, or vegetable protein, or both. The new compliance date is July 1, 2019. This is the third consecutive time FSSAI extended the timeline in order to resolve the issue of nomenclature of these products as defined in clause 6 (c) of sub-regulation 2.1.15 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives)

Chronology of Notifications on the subject:

Notification Date	Notification Number	Compliance Date	Remarks
October 12, 2017	F.No.A-1(1)/Standards/MMP/2012	July 1, 2018	The notification relates to revised standards for milk and milk products. A transition period of six months was provided to the food business operators (FBOs).
June 6, 2018	F.No. REG/SP-M&MP/FSSAI-2018	January 1, 2019	Concerns raised with respect to the labeling requirements for frozen desserts or confections with added vegetable oil/fat and/or vegetable protein, and the categorization of these products vis-à-vis 'Ice Cream' under these regulations.
December 27, 2018	F.No. REG/SP-M&MP/FSSAI-2018	July 1, 2019	Compliance timeline extended until July 1, 2019 as the issue of nomenclature is under review by FSSAI and the FBOs need to exhaust the stock of existing packaging materials.

File No. 11/03/Reg/Fortification/2014 (pt. III)
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A statutory Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002

The 27th December, 2018

Subject: Direction under section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding extension of time period for the compliance of Notification File No. 11/03/Reg/Fortification/2014 dated 2nd August, 2018 relating to Standards for fortification of foods.

Reference is drawn to the notification File No. 11/03/Reg/Fortification/2014 dated 2nd August, 2018 published in the Official Gazette of India prescribing standards for fortification of foods. As per this notification, a transition period of 5 months i.e. up to 1st January, 2019 was given to the food business operators to comply with these regulations.

2. A number of representations have been received, stating that as there is a huge difference between the required levels of fortificants specified in the final notification vis-a-vis those currently operationalised. It is a cause of concern for the industry as compliance with the new standards, particularly the levels of fortificants would require re-formulation of the premix and will also affect the labelling requirements.

3. After due consideration, it has been decided to extend the time line for the compliance of the above mentioned notification (No. 11/03/Reg/Fortification/2014 dated 2nd August, 2018) w.r.t. Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018 for a further period of six months i.e. up to 1st July, 2019.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested under Sections 16(5) of Food safety and Standards Act, 2006.

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To

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2. All Authorized Officers, FSSAI,
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