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Compliance Timeline Extended on Tolerance Limits for Contaminants

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Report Highlights:

On December 31, 2018, the Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) extended the compliance due date on residue levels for various food contaminants. In its earlier July 20, 2018 notification, FSSAI provided a transition period of five months to food business operators to comply with the regulations, which ended January 1, 2019. However, the current notification extends the compliance deadline to April 1, 2019.

General Information:

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 Office of Agricultural Affairs, USDA and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

On December 31, 2018, FSSAI extended the timeline to comply with residue level limits for various food contaminants as prescribed in an earlier notification dated July 20, 2018. The new compliance due date is April 1, 2019. The timeline has been extended to accommodate requests from industry stakeholders facing technical issues with the new levels prescribed.

The full text of the current FSSAI notification dated December 31, 2018 pasted below can be accessed on FSSAI's website www.fssai.gov.in/. Interested readers may click at the hyperlink pasted below to access the earlier notification dated July 20, 2018.

[Notification Number 1-100/SP\(PAR\)-Notification/Enf/FSSAI/2014 of July 20, 2018](#)

F. No. 1-100/SP(PAR)- Notification/Enf/FSSAI/2014(part-2)
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)
(Regulation division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated, the 31st December, 2018

Subject: Direction under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding compliance of Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018 published in the Official Gazette of India on dated 20th July, 2018 vide Notification No. 1-100/SP(PAR)- Notification/Enf/FSSAI/2014.

Reference is drawn to Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018 published in the Official Gazette of India dated 20th July, 2018 vide Notification No. 1-100/SP(PAR)-Notification/Enf/FSSAI/2014. 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. However, based on the representation received from various stakeholders highlighting some important technical issues, the time line for compliance of said Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018 is hereby further extended upto 1st April, 2019 or till further order, whichever is earlier.

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



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To

1. All Food Safety Commissioner
2. All Authorised Officer, FSSAI
3. All Central Designated Offices of FSSAI

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