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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a notice to provide exceptions to the food business operators (FBOs) to comply with the enforcement date for certain provisions of the food additives published in its Gazette notification of September 5, 2016. The exceptions will remain effective only until the final notification of the amendments to the food additive is published.

General Information:

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On June 30, 2017, FSSAI has extended the timeline for food business operators (FBOs) to comply with certain provisions of food additives published in the official Gazette of India on September 5, 2016. The September notification provided a transition period of six months to the food business operators to comply with the amendments. As the industry stakeholders are facing technological challenges in reformulating the products and its labeling, FSSAI has provided exceptions to certain provisions of the food additives. FSSAI in its current notification clarifies that exception to the following food additive provisions will only continue until the time the final notification of the amendments to the food additives are published. Further, for all the remaining provisions, the enforcement date continues to be July 1, 2017.

1. "Notice Calling for suggestions, views, comments, etc. from stakeholders within a period of 60 days on the draft notification related to amendment so as to include additional additives in Appendix A (Uploaded on May 3, 2017) – GAIN [IN7057](#)."
2. Standards of food products specified under sub-Regulation 2.1.9 (Foods for infant nutrition) of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.
3. Use of lecithin prior to the amendment notification of September 5, 2016, in the eighth Proviso of Item (2) of sub-Regulation 3.15 (Antioxidants) under Regulation 3.1 (Food Additives) of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.

The full text of the FSSAI notifications dated June 30, 2017 and September 5, 2016 can be accessed from the link below and they are also available on FSSAI's website: www.fssai.gov.in/.

[June 30, 2017](#)

[September 5th notification](#)