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## India

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### **Enforcement Date on Packaging and Labeling Regulations Extended**

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Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and  
Standards - Certification

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**Report Highlights:**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has clarified that the deadline extension to December 6, 2013, for compliance with food business operators' regulations applies only to packaging and labeling, and not to food product standards and additives.

**General Information:**

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**Introduction:** On September 5, 2013, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an advisory clarifying that the December 6, 2013, extension (published on August 23, 2013) for Notification No. P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI only applies to Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Amendment Regulations, 2013. It does not apply to Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2013.

**Background:**

On July 9, 2013, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2013, and the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Amendment Regulations, 2013. Both amendments were published under the same notification number No.P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI.

On August 23, 2013, FSSAI published an advisory that gave Food Business Operators (FBOs) an extension until December 6, 2013, to comply with Notification No. P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI. But the advisory did not specify whether the extension applied to Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2013, and/or the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Amendment Regulations, 2013.

The September 5, 2013, and August 23, 2013, advisories are both listed in this document and can also be accessed on FSSAI website at: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>

**F. No. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI**  
**Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**  
**(Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)**  
**Government of India**

FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road,  
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5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

**CLARIFICATION TO ADVISORY ISSUED ON 23.8.2013**

Subject: Extending time period for complying with requirements under the Gazette Notifications No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated 27.6.2013.

Reference is drawn to FSSAI's Advisory dated 23-08-2013 granting extension of time period for complying with provisions of amendments under Notifications No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI dated 27.6.2013 published in Official Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 9.7.2013. In this regard, it is informed to all concerned that the extension of time period granted for complying with provisions of the said Notifications upto 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 is only for the amendments related to '**Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011**'.

  
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To

1. All State/UT Food Safety Commissioners;
2. Central Designated Officers;
3. PPS to Chairperson; and
4. PS to CEO.


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**ADVISORY**

Subject: Extending time period for complying with requirements under the Notifications No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, published in Official Gazette on 27.7.2013.

With reference to Notifications No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI dated 27.6.2013 published in Official Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 9.7.2013, it is hereby informed to all concerned that the time period granted to Food Business Operators for complying with provisions of the said Notifications is extended upto 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.



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