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FSSAI Amends Packaging and Labeling Regulations

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Report Highlights:

On June 7, 2013, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Packaging and Labeling\) Regulations, 2011](#) to include additional labeling requirements in chapter two. Although not notified to WTO, the notification providing the amended regulations was posted on the FSSAI website on August 20, 2013. They shall come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.

General Information:

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Introduction:

On June 7, 2013, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Amendment Regulations, 2013. Although not notified to WTO, the notification providing the amended regulations was posted on the FSSAI website on August 20, 2013. The amendment relates to Chapter two of the [Food Safety and Standards \(Packaging and Labeling\) Regulations, 2011](#) and requires a mandatory display of the ‘license number’ along with the FSSAI monogram in the principal display panel of food package consignments. This requirement is added with a proviso that existing packaging material could be used until the publication of the final Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Amendment Regulations, 2013. After the final publication date, manufacturers will have six months to comply with the new regulation until it is enforced on all applicable products.

The details on the amendment are given below.

Regulation 2.2 – Labeling

In sub-regulation 2.2.1 dealing with general requirements of labeling, an additional clause (7) has been added which states:

“License number shall be displayed on the principal display panel in the following format, namely:



*Provided that the existing products of a unit shall comply with the requirement of this clause on and after the six months of commencement of the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Amendment Regulation, 2013.”

The full text of the amendment as given in the notification is attached below and can also be accessed on the [FSSAI](#) website.

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th June, 2013

F. No 4/15015/30/2011.—Whereas certain draft regulations to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011, were published under clause (k) of sub-section (2) of Section 92 read with Section 23 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 4/15015/30/2011, dated the 29th December, 2011 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, inviting objections or suggestions from the persons likely to be affected thereby, till the expiry of a period of ten days from the date on which copies of the Gazette of India in which the said notification was published were made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the said Gazette of India were made available to the public on the 2nd January, 2012;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public have been considered by the Central Government;

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Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (k) of sub-section (2) of Section 92 read with Section 23 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulation, 2011, namely:—

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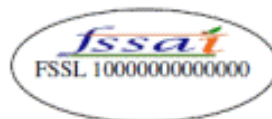
1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Regulations, 2013.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.2 relating to “Labeling”,-

(a) in sub- regulation 2.2.1, after clause 6, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(7) License number shall be displayed on the principal display panel in the following format, namely:—



* Provided that the existing products of a unit shall comply with the requirement of this clause on and after the six months of commencement of the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Regulation, 2013”.

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[ADVT. III/4/Exty./187-O/13]

Note : The principal regulation were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary *vide* notification number F. No. 2/15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2011.