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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India operationalized certain provisions of food additives which were earlier exempted from compliance until the final notification of the amendments to the food additives were published.

General Information:

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On December 29, 2017, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) operationalized certain provisions of food additives notified through amendments dated September 5, 2016. As the finalization of these revised provisions will take some more time, FSSAI decided to operationalize them.

Background:

On June 30, 2017, FSSAI 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 also provided a transition period of six months to the FBOs to comply with the amendments. As the industry stakeholders were facing technological challenges in reformulating the products and its labeling, FSSAI provided exceptions to certain provisions of the food additives. FSSAI in its June 30, 2017 notification clarified that exceptions will continue until the time the final notification of the amendments to the food additives are published. For all the remaining provisions, the enforcement date was July 1, 2017 (GAIN [IN7085](#)).

The cover page of the FSSAI notification is pasted below and the attachment is available on FSSAI's website www.fssai.gov.in/.

F.No. Stds/Additives(Misc)/FSSAI-2017
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 28th December, 2017

Subject: Direction under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding operationalization of standards of Food Additives for use in various Food Categories.

Reference is drawn to Notification No. 11/09/Reg/Harmoniztn/2014 dated 5th September, 2016 published in the Gazette of India prescribing revised provisions for use of Food Additives in various food/food categories. A transition period of six months i.e. up to 1st July, 2017 was given to the food business operators to comply with this amended regulation.

2. The amended regulation led to the inadvertent deletion of certain food additives being used by FBOs. Further, the amended regulation also mandate changes in the usage levels of some additives which pose technological challenges to FBOs in the manufacturing of various products. In view of these concerns, the date of ensuring compliance with the above mentioned amended regulations was extended to 31st December, 2017.

3. Three separate draft amendment regulations, to further amend the above mentioned regulations, revising/ adding provisions for use of food additives in various food categories since have been approved by Food Authority. Two of these draft amendment regulations have been notified (F. No. 1/Additional Additives/Std/Notification/FSSAI/2016 and No. 1/Additional Additives-II/Std/Notification/FSSAI/2017) for soliciting comments from affected stakeholders. As the finalisation of these draft amendment regulations is not feasible by 31st December, 2017, it has been decided to operationalise these additive provisions, as enclosed herewith, till the notification of final amendment regulations in this respect.

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



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