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### **New FSSAI Directives for Certain Ingredients under Functional Foods**

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**Report Highlights:**

On June 29, 2018, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a notice that disallowed the use of several ingredients, listed in Appendix-1, that are currently under review by FSSAI. On August 24, 2018, FSSAI announced that it would allow products containing these ingredients manufactured before June 29, 2018 to remain available in the market. Products containing these ingredients that are manufactured after June 29, 2018 continue to be restricted, per the June 29 notification.

## **General Information:**

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The latest FSSAI notification of August 24, 2018 allows the sale of food products containing ingredients listed in Appendix-1 of the FSSAI notice issued on June 29, 2018. However, the notification clarifies that these food products should not have a manufacturing date after June 29, 2018 and that the restriction imposed on the new production of such products after this date remains in place, per the previous notice. FSSAI has granted relaxation for these ingredients only until FSSAI's scientific panel finishes its review.

The full text of the notification is pasted below and is available on FSSAI's website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>. For reader convenience, Appendix-1 of the FSSAI notification, dated June 29, 2018, is also pasted below in the report.

F. No. Stds/Nutra(DCGI)/FSSAI/2017 (Pt 1)  
**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-110 002**

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Dated, the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

**Subject: Implementation of Food Safety and Standards (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose, Functional Food and Novel Food) Regulations, 2016.**

This is with reference to the direction issued under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 dated 29.06.2018 on the above cited subject, wherein paragraph (ii)(g) states as under:

*"Food Business Operators are directed to discontinue the use of ingredients listed under Appendix -I of this direction in the products covered under Nutraceutical Regulations with immediate effect due to lack of adequate data and no further manufacturing of products using these ingredients is allowed until these ingredients are assessed and approved by the Authority."*

2. Since these ingredients are presently under consideration of FSSAI, it is further clarified that the products manufactured till 29.06.2018 containing ingredients mentioned at Appendix-I of the above mentioned direction are allowed to be available in the market till a final view is taken by the Scientific Panel. It is further reiterated that restriction on the new production of such products after 29.06.2018 continues to remain in force.

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

**Encl: as above**



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To

1. All Commissioners of Food Safety of All States/UTs.
2. All Authorised Officers, FSSAI.
3. All Central Designated officers, FSSAI.

## Appendix-I

1. Raspberry ketone
2. Silica
3. *Angelica sinensis*
4. *Paullinia cupana*
5. Saw palmetto
6. Notoginseng
7. Chlorella Growth factor
8. Pine bark extracted from *Pinus radiata*
9. Pine bark extract from *Pinus pinaster*
10. Vitamin D3 (Veg)
11. Chaga extract (*Inonotus obliquus*)
12. *Oxalobacter formigenes*
13. Phytavail iron
14. Tea tree oil