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New Enforcement Date on Packaging and Labeling Regulations

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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an advisory that Food Business Operators (FBOs) will have until July 1, 2014 to comply with Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011.

General Information:

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Introduction:

On November 6, 2013, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an advisory that Food Business Operators (FBOs) will have until July 1, 2014 to comply with Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011. These regulations will be enforced with effect from July 2, 2014. Previously, FSSAI had an enforcement date of December 6, 2013.

Background:

Since November 29, 2012, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has granted two extensions (including this most recent extension) to the FBOs to comply with provisions listed in Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011. The new regulation changes the labeling requirement for trans fat and saturated fat for a variety of products. For more specific information, please refer to [IN2170](#).

A chronology of FSSAI notifications is listed below:

- 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 ([IN3080](#)), and the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Amendment Regulations, 2013 ([IN3081](#)). 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.
- 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 ([IN3106](#)).

The complete text of the advisory is given below 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,
New Delhi-110002
1st November, 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.

With reference to Notification No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI dated 27.6.2013 published in Official Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 9.7.2013, and the Advisory and corrigendum dated 23.8.2013 and 5.9.2013 respectively issued on this matter, it is hereby informed to all concerned that the time period granted to Food Business Operators for complying with provisions of the said Notification amending '**Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011**', is extended upto 1st July, 2014.


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