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Report Highlights:

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health and Mass Media extended the implementation effective date of the Food (Color Coding for Sugar Levels-Liquids) Regulations (2022) from January 1, 2025 to July 1, 2025. The Sri Lankan government notified the extension in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on December 28, 2024. The current Food (Color Coding for Sugar Levels) Regulations (2016) are in place until July 01, 2025, allowing additional time for industry to comply with the new regulations (2022).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health and Mass Media has extended the implementation effective date of the Food (Color Coding for Sugar Levels-Liquids) Regulations (2022) from January 1, 2025, to July 1, 2025. The Sri Lankan government notified the extension in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on December 28, 2024. The current Food (Color Coding for Sugar Levels) Regulations (2016) are in place until July 01, 2025, allowing additional time for industry to comply with the new regulations (2022).

Background:

Labeling of Sugar Levels in Liquids – The Current 2016 Regulations: The [Food \(Color Coding for Sugar Levels\) Regulations \(2016\)](#) regulate the labeling of the sugar level in liquid food effective August 1, 2016. Packed liquid foods, which contain sugar, are required to be labeled and must specify: the numerical description of the sugar content, include a description of the relative sugar level, and the color codes as per the regulations.

Labeling of Sugar Levels in Liquids – The New 2022 Regulations: The Sri Lankan Ministry of Health notified on February 14, 2023, the [Food \(Color Coding for Sugar Levels - Liquid\) Regulations \(2022\)](#), requiring to color code sugar levels in liquid food. As per the new regulations, for pre-packaged imported products, a supplementary label may be affixed on the container or the package. The new regulations modify the sugar content values for each code, adding color codes in red, amber, and green. The sugar content must be displayed in bold white within the logo in the Sinhala, Tamil and English languages (see, [GAIN-SRI LANKA | CE2023-0014 | Sri Lanka Enacts New Legislation to Color Code Sugar Levels for Liquid Food](#)).

APPENDIX I – SRI LANKA, AMENDED FOOD (COLOR CODING FOR SUGAR LEVELS- LIQUIDS) REGULATIONS (2022)



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FOOD ACT, No. 26 OF 1980

REGULATION made by the Minister of Health and Mass Media under section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980, in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee.

DR. NALINDA JAYATHISSA,

Minister of Health and Mass Media.

Colombo,

27th December, 2024.

Regulation

The Food (Colour Coding for sugar levels - liquid) Regulations 2022, published in *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 2319/42 of February 14, 2023 is hereby amended in regulation 1 thereof, by the substitution for the word and figures "January 01, 2025", of the word and figures "July 01, 2025."

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