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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 (Trans Fat) Regulations (2022) from July 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026. The Sri Lankan government notified the extension in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on June 30, 2025.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health and Mass Media is extending the implementation of the effective date of the Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (2022) from July 1, 2025, to January 1, 2026.

The Sri Lankan government notified the extension in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on June 30, 2025. This extension seeks to provide the food manufacturing industry with additional time to comply with the new Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (2022).

Background:

Sri Lanka's Ministry of Health had previously introduced the Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (2022) (see, Appendix I and linked Attachment).

Impact on Trade:

The Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (2022) ban and limit the use of high trans-fat foods. The Sri Lankan government had notified these regulations earlier on January 04, 2023, publishing these on February 14, 2023, in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette). What is noteworthy is that the Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (2022) do not apply to food products being manufactured in Sri Lanka for export (see, [GAIN-SRI LANKA | CE2023-0010 | Sri Lanka Enacts Regulations to Ban and Limit Trans-fats in Food Products](#) and attachments).

APPENDIX I – SRI LANKA, AMENDED FOOD (TRANS - FAT) REGULATION 2022



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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

FOOD ACT, No. 26 OF 1980

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

Dr. NALINDA JAYATISSA (M.P.)
Minister of Health and Mass Media.

Colombo,
28th June, 2025.

Regulations

The Food (Trans-Fat) Regulation 2022, Published in *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 2319/41 of February 14, 2023 as amended by regulation published in *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 2364/25 dated of December 27, 2023 and *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2416/54 dated of December 28, 2024 are hereby amended by the repeal of regulation 1 thereof, and the substitution thereof the following regulation.

- “1. These regulations may be cited as Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations, 2022 and shall come into operation with effects from January 01, 2026.”

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Attachments:

[Food \(Trans-Fat\) Regulation 2022 - Amendment.pdf](#)