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Report Highlights:

The Government of India (GOI) published its final notification on updated standards for oats, pasta, fats and oils in the Official Gazette of India. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notes the implementation date as July 1, 2017. The final notification incorporates some of the feedback received during the public comment period following the earlier published draft notification on July 12, 2016.

General Information:

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On February 9, 2017, FSSAI published the final version of the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) First Amendment Regulations, 2017](#), related to standards for oats, pasta, fats and oils. According to FSSAI, the implementation of the notification will fully commence as of July 1, 2017. The full text of the final amendment as published in the Gazette is provided below and is also available on the website of FSSAI at: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>. Please refer to GAIN report [IN6093](#) for details on the draft regulation published in July 2016.

Details of Final Notification: F.No. Stds/O&F/Notification (1)/FSSAI-2016

- Publication Date on FSSAI Website: February 9, 2017
- Date of Implementation: July 1, 2017

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

Press Note

Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) First Amendment Regulation, 2017

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has notified the Final Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulation, 2017 in the official gazette of India w.r.t oils, fats, oats and pasta.

This regulation prescribes new standards for 'Oats'. This product is becoming more popular and is consumed widely. With these standards in place, it would be effectively regulated for their food safety and quality.

these products

The Amendment Regulation also includes revised standards for pasta products. Currently, only suji and maida are permitted for preparation of pasta products. The proposed revision also lists additional ingredient such as rice flour, groundnut flour, tapioca flour, edible soy flour or flour of any other cereal etc which also can be used for preparation of pasta products.

Furthermore, the amendment regulation also includes redefinition of the Interesterified Vegetable Fat and usage of food grade enzyme for oil degumming in refining process.

These standards have been finalised after consideration of the comments received from stakeholders in this respect and shall come into force on 1st July, 2017.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st January, 2017

F. No. Stds/O&F/Notification(1)/FSSAI-2016.—Whereas the draft of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016, were published as required under sub-section (1) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), vide notification of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India number F. No. Stds/O&F/ notification(1)/FSSAI-2016, dated the 4th July, 2016 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4, inviting objections and suggestions from the persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of the period of

thirty days from the date on which the copies of the Gazette containing the said notification were made available to the public;

And whereas copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on 12th July, 2016;

And whereas objections and suggestions received from the public in respect of the said draft regulations have been considered by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, namely:-

Regulations

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) first Amendment Regulations, 2017.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of final publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011,-

(a) in regulation 1.2, in sub-regulation 18, in item (iv), after the words “citric acid”, the words “and any suitable food grade enzyme” shall be inserted;

(b) in regulation 2.2

(i) in sub-regulation 2.2.1, in clause 1, the portion starting with the words “Further, if the oil is obtained” and ending with the words “Hexane more than 5.00 ppm” shall be omitted;

(ii) in sub-regulation 2.2.2,

(A) in the opening paragraph, for the words “vegetable fat”, the words “vegetable fat/oil” shall be substituted;

(B) clause (vi) shall be omitted;

(c) in regulation 2.4, (i) in sub-regulation 2.4.6, after clause 16, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“17. OATS

(1) Oats shall be dried mature grains of *Avena sativa* or *Avena byzantina*. It shall be sound, clean, wholesome, and free from toxic seeds, live insects and visible mold. It shall also conform to the following standards, namely:-

(i)	Moisture	Not more than 14.0 per cent. by weight
(ii)	Foreign matter(Extraneous matter)	Not more than 1 per cent. by weight of which not more than 0.25 per cent. by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10 per cent. by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.
(iii)	Other edible grains (grains other than oats)	Not more than 3 per cent. by weight.
(iv)	Damaged grains (including pieces of kernels that show visible deterioration due to moisture, weather, disease, insects, mould, heating, fermentation, sprouting or other causes)	Not more than 3 per cent. by weight.

(v)	Weevilled grains (weevilled grains include weevil infested grains and insect bored (which may be partially or wholly bored by insects)	Not more than 2 per cent. by count count out of which not more than 0.5 per cent. by count shall be insect bored.
(vi)	Minimum test weight (weight of hundred litre volume of oats expressed as kilograms per hectolitre (kg/hl).	Not less than 46 kg/hl
(vii)	Hull-less and broken kernels	Not more than 5 per cent. by weight.
(viii)	Uric acid	Not more than 100 mg per kg.
(ix)	Ergot	Sclerotium of the fungus <i>Claviceps purpurea</i> 0.05 per cent. m/m max

(2) Food Additives

The product shall contain food additives specified in Appendix A appended to these regulations.

(3) Contaminants, Toxins and Residues

The product contaminants, toxin and residues shall be in accordance with the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011.

(4) Food Hygiene

(a) The product shall be prepared and handled in accordance with the guidelines provided in Schedule 4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011.

(b) The product shall conform to the microbiological requirement specified in Appendix B to these regulations.

(5) Labelling

The product shall be labelled in accordance with the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011.

(6) Method of Sampling and Analysis

The method of sampling and analysis shall be in accordance with the FSSAI Manual of Method of Analysis of Food.”;

(ii) in sub-regulation 2.4.10, for clause 1, the following clause shall be substituted, namely-

“1. PASTA PRODUCTS: means the product obtained from one or a combination of ingredients including suji, maida, rice flour, groundnut flour, tapioca flour, edible soy flour or flour of any other cereal referred to in sub-regulation 2.4 by kneading the dough and extending it or by any other process. It may contain one or more of the following ingredients either singly or in combination:

milk powder, fruit and vegetables and products thereof or their extracts; edible common salt, nutritive sweeteners, meat and products thereof; fish and products thereof; eggs and products thereof; spices, condiments and herbs including their extracts; vitamins and minerals; edible fats and oils; yeast extract, yeast and product thereof; hydrolysed plant protein and soy sauce powder.

It may contain food additives specified in Appendix A appended to these regulations. It shall be free from dirt, insect's larvae and impurities or any other extraneous matter.

It shall conform to the following standards:-

Moisture	Not more than 12.5 per cent.
Ash insoluble in dilute HCl (On dry basis)	Not more than 0.1 per cent."

PAWAN AGARWAL, Chief Executive Officer

[ADVT.-III/4/Exty./408/16(187)]

Note : The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide notification number F. No. 2-15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2011 and subsequently amended *vide* notification numbers:

- (i) F. No. 4/15015/30/2011, dated the 7th June, 2013;
- (ii) F.No.P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated the 27th June, 2013;
- (iii) F.No.5/15015/30/2012, dated the 12th July, 2013;
- (iv) F.No.P.15025/262/13-PA/FSSAI, dated the 5th December, 2014;
- (v) F.No.1-83F/Sci.Pan-Noti/FSSAI-2012, dated the 17th February, 2015;
- (vi) F.No.4/15015/30/2011, dated the 4th August, 2015;
- (vii) F.No.P.15025/263/13-PA/FSSAI, dated the 4th November, 2015;
- (viii) F.No.P.15025/264/13-PA/FSSAI, dated the 4th November, 2015;
- (ix) F.No.7/15015/30/2012, dated the 13th November, 2015;
- (x) F.No.P.15025/208/2013-PA/FSSAI dated the 13th November, 2015;
- (xi) F.No.P.15025/261/2013-PA/FSSAI, dated the 13th November, 2015;
- (xii) F.No.1-10(1)/Standards/SP(Fish and Fisheries Products)/FSSAI-2013, dated the 11th January, 2016;
- (xiii) No. 3-16/ Specified Foods/Notification(Food Additive)/FSSAI-2014, dated the 3rd May, 2016;
- (xiv) F.No. 15-03/Enf/FSSAI/2014, dated the 14th June, 2016;
- (xv) No. 3-14F/Notification(Nutraceuticals)/FSSAI-2013, dated the 13th July 2016;
- (xvi) F.No. 1-12/Standards/SP (Sweets, Confectionery)/ FSSAI-2015, dated the 15th July 2016;
- (xvii) F. No.1-120(1)/Standards/Irradiation/FSSAI-2015, dated the 23rd August, 2016;
- (xviii) F.No. 11/09/Reg/Harmoniztn/2014, dated the 5th September 2016;
- (xix) Stds/CPLQ.CP/EM/FSSAI-2015, dated the 14th September 2016;
- (xx) F. No.1-110(2)/SP (Biological Hazards)/FSSAI/2010, dated the 10th October 2016;
- (xxi) F.No.11/12/Reg/Prop/FSSAI-2016, dated the 10th October 2016;
- (xxii) F. No. Stds/SP (Water & Beverages)/Notif (2)/FSSAI-2016, dated the 25th October 2016;
- (xxiii) F. No.1-11(1)/Standards/SP(Water & Beverages)/FSSAI-2015, dated the 15th November, 2016; and
- (xxiv) F. No. P.15025/93/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated the 2nd December, 2016; and
- (xxv) F. No. P.15025/6/2004-PFS/FSSAI, dated the 29th December, 2016.