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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India published in the Gazette of India on March 4, 2021 and on March 9 listed on its website the notification Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) First Amendment Regulations (2021). Besides cereals and cereal products, the regulation covers a variety of food products and standards. The implementation date is January 1, 2022.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

On March 4, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published in the Gazette of India and listed on its website on March 9, the notification <u>Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) First Amendment Regulations (2021).</u> The First Amendment Regulations (2021) cover the following food and agricultural products:

- Monk fruit
- *Maida* (refined wheat flour)
- *Suji* or *Rawa* (semolina)
- *Jowar* (sorghum grains)
- Biscuits (cookies)
- Bread and bread-type products
- Bajra (pearl millet) flour
- *Jowar* (sorghum) flour
- Breakfast cereals
- Safed Zeera (cumin) whole and powder
- Dried thyme
- Eggs and egg products microbiological standards

The amendments include major revisions to the standards for certain substances added to foods, such as trehalose (also known as mycose or tremalose), tocopherols (organic chemical compounds, many of which have vitamin E activity), and other food processing aids and enzymes.

The full text of the notification and its *corrigenda* (i.e., correction of author's error) are available on the FSSAI's website located at:

- <u>https://fssai.gov.in/upload/notifications/2021/03/6047505fe1808Gazette_Notification_Amendment_FPS_FA_09_03_2021.pdf</u>
- <u>https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Corrigenda_Gazette_Notification_Amendment_FPS_FA_22_03_2021.pdf</u>

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India initially notified its draft amendments on July 26, 2019, inviting comments from the public and other stakeholders.

Attachments:

No Attachments.