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# **Report Name:** Sri Lanka Extends Implementation of Food Trans - Fats Regulation 2022 by One Year

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### **Report Highlights:**

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health extended the implementation effective date of the Food (Trans Fat) Regulations (2022) from January 1, 2024 to January 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 27, 2023.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health is extending the implementation of the effective date of the Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (2022) from January 1, 2024, now to January 1, 2025.

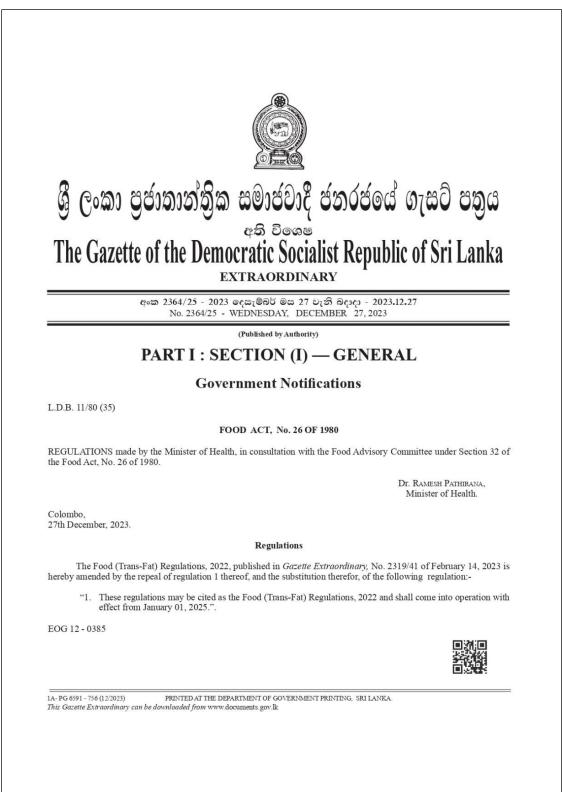
The Sri Lankan government notified the extension in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on December 27, 2023. This extension seeks to provide the food manufacturing industry with additional time to comply with the new Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (2022).

#### **Background:**

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

#### Impact on Trade. So, What Does it Mean?

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).



## $\label{eq:appendix} \textbf{I}-\textbf{Sri} \ \textbf{Lanka}, \textbf{Amended} \ \textbf{Food} \ \textbf{(Trans - Fast)} \ \textbf{Regulation} \ \textbf{2022}$

#### Attachments:

Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations 2022 - Amendment.pdf

Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations 2022.pdf

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