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Report Highlights:

On November 13, 2020, the Government of India (GOI) published draft regulation related to both new and revised standards for fortified food products. The draft regulation invites comments from World Trade Organization (WTO) member countries, and the comment period expires 60-days after the notification is published on the WTO website (www.wto.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

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On November 13, 2020, the Government of India's (GOI) FSSAI notified draft amendments to the [Food Safety and Standards \(Fortification of Food\) Regulations, 2018](#) on its website. The draft amendments cover the following:

- a) A warning statement on every package of food that is fortified with iron is modified to state “*People with Thalassemia may take under medical supervision and persons with Sickle Cell Anemia are advised not to consume iron fortified food products.*”
- b) The level and source of nutrients in the ‘Iodine component’ is modified in Schedule I of the regulations. *The revised levels may be noted from the FSSAI notification pasted below.*
- c) New standards for fortified milk powder (interested readers may refer to the notification given below for details on the new standards).

The draft regulation invites comments from World Trade Organization (WTO) member countries, and the comment period expires 60-days after the notification is published on the WTO website (www.wto.org). The full text of the notification is also available online and located at: https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft_Notification_Fortified_Milk_Powder_13_11_2020.pdf

Comments should be sent to:

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 10th November, 2020

F. No. Stds/SP-18/A-1.12/N-1.—The following draft of certain regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018, which the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India proposes to make, with the previous approval of the Central Government in exercise of powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required by the said sub-section (1) of section 92, for the information of persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations will be taken into consideration after expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published are made available to the public;

Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002, or may be sent at regulation@fssai.gov.in:

The objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to said draft regulations, before the expiry of the period specified above, will be considered by the Food Authority.

Draft Regulations

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Amendment Regulations, 2020.
(2) They shall come into force with effective date for implementation to be either 1st January or 1st July subject to a minimum of 180 days from the date of their final publication in the official Gazette.
2. (A) for sub-regulations (4) of regulations 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:
“(4) Every package of food, fortified with Iron shall carry a statement “*People with Thalassemia may take under medical supervision and persons with Sickle Cell Anemia are advised not to consume iron fortified food products.*”;
3. in Schedule-I, -
(A) in clause 1, in table, under column (1), at serial number 1, for the entries under column (2) to (4), relating to “Iodine Content”, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

S.No.	Component	Level of nutrients	Source of Nutrients
“1.	Iodine content	15-30 part per million (on dry weight basis.	Potassium Iodate”;

(B) in Clause 3, related to the ‘Fortified Milk’, after the exiting table, the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“3A. Fortified Milk Powder:

- (i) Milk powder, when fortified, shall be fortified with such levels of Vitamin A and D, so that the final reconstituted fortified milk shall comply with the levels of micronutrients specified in Clause 3 of Schedule-I related to ‘Fortified Milk’, when constituted as per the directions mentioned on the product label.
- (ii) It shall only be used in the Government Funded Programs for the purpose of preparation of ‘Reconstituted Fortified Milk’;
- (iii) In addition to the labeling provisions mentioned under Food Safety and Standards Regulations, the label of Fortified Milk Powder shall also carry the following statement:
 - (a) NOT RECOMMENDED FOR DIRECT CONSUMPTION;
 - (b) ONLY FOR USE UNDER _____ (Name of the Government Funded Programme);

- (c) TO BE CONSUMED ONLY AFTER RECONSTITUTION OF THE ENTIRE CONTENT AS PER THE DIRECTIONS ON THE LABEL.
- (d) PACK ONCE OPENED, TO BE CONSUMED ON THE SAME DAY.”;
- (C) for clause 6, related to ‘Fortified Raw Rice’, the following shall be substituted, namely:-
“6. Fortified Rice”.

ARUN SINGHAL, Chief Executive Officer

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Note. - The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 vide notification number File No. 11/03/Reg/Fortification/2014, dated the 2st August, 2018.

Attachments:

No Attachments.