## **NEWSLETTER**

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS

APRIL ISSUE

#### **Draft Notification FSS (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Reg. 2020**

A draft regulation FSS (Food for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulation ,2023 has been published. The requirements per 100 g and Requirements per 100 kcal for parameter like Selenium, Iron, Biotin and Manganese has been substituted for categories like Food for infant formula, Milk cereal based complementary food, processed cereal based complementary food and for follow up formula.

(05 APRIL 23)

## Request for action against unauthorized use of artificial fruit ripening agents

In sub-regulation 2.3.5 of FSS (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations,2011 the use of Calcium carbide ' Masala ' is prohibited as a ripening agent for artificial ripening of the fruit. In order to ensure artificially ripened fruits are safe and healthy to consume, FSSAI permits the use of "Ethylene gas" at a concentration up to 100 ppm depending upon the crop, variety, and maturity for the artificial ripening of fruits. It is requested to undertake a special drive for awareness building among the FBOs. Further, strict enforcement action shall be taken against the FBO found indulging is unapproved practices, apart from checking any illegal use of calcium carbide for artificial ripening of fruit. (05 APRIL 23)

#### Re-operationalization of FSS(NUTRA) Regulation, 2022.

On 29-03-2022, Direction FSS(Nutra),2022 was published and operationalized with effect from 01- April ,2022. The direction of 29.03.2022 was further revised dated 10.05.2022 to permit some additional additives and enzymes /proteins for Health Supplements. The draft regulation dated 29.03.2022 together with the provisions specified in the direction dated 10.05.2022 were re-operationalized with effect from 1st Oct, 2022. vide direction dated 18-10-2022. As the finalization of these draft regulations is likely to take more time before notification, it has been re-operationalize the provisions specified in the direction dated 18.10.2022 with effect from 1st April,2023.

(11 APRIL 23)

### Re-operationalization of Draft FSS (FPS&F) Amendment Regulation wrt to the standards of Fortified Rice Kernel

It has been decided to re-operationalize the provisions of Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK), Vitamin & Mineral Premix for FRK and Rice Flour used for making FRK as specified in the direction (STD/FA/38/FSSAI) dated 23.06.2022 with effect from 23.12.2022. However, the provisions with respect to Yeast and Mold Count and Aerobic Plate Count parameters of 'Rice flour for preparations of FRK' stands withdrawn from the date of issue of this direction.

(11 APRIL 23)

## Extension of permission to use old pre-printed packaging materials to Tea Manufacturing FBOs

Considering the various representation received from Tea Estates FBOs and the Indian Tea Association, FSSAI has extended the time period to 6 months instead of the existing 03 months to use non-retail pre-printed bulk tea packages.

(13 APRIL 23)

#### Press note regarding stringent monitoring of Authority against FBOs involved in misleading claims

FSSAI has noted various health claims made by the FBO on social media. To ensure compliance DOs can request scientific evidence for health claims. Failing of unsatisfactory response, the FBO is required to withdraw such claims. The FBOs can be penalized with a fine extending up to Rs. 10 lakhs, as per Section-53 of the FSS Act 2006. During the last six months, **Advertisement Monitoring Committee** scrutinized **Advertisements** and Claims and has reported 138 cases which are non-compliant and misleading.

(22 APRIL 23)

#### Clarification on 'Report of the Food Analyst' (for primary notified laboratory) and 'Certificate of Analysis by the Referral Food Laboratory'

FSS (Laboratory and Sampling Analysis) Regulations,2011 are being revised to omit the given format of test report i.e. FORM A "Certificate of Analysis by the Referral Food Laboratory" and FORM B "Report of the Food Analyst ".In this regard all the FSSAI notified food testing laboratories and concerned stakeholders are hereby informed to follow the test report formats given under FSS(First amendment) Rules,2020 i.e.; Form VII A and Form XI from now onwards for issuing test reports of the sample analysis (primary and appeal samples).

(17 APRIL 23)

# Direction under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding re-operationalization of the Standards of Crude Corn (Maize) Oil

FSSAI has notified the draft FSS (FPS&FA) Amendment Regulations,2022 relating to the standards of Crude Corn (maize) oil. The above-mentioned draft amendment regulation is already notified on 31.05.2022 .To allow FBOs to import the crude corn (maize)oil, it has been decided to reoperationalize the following provision of the above mentioned proposed draft amendment with effect from 20.12.2022. Various parameters namely: Solvent Extracted crude oil, Saponification value, Iodine Value, Acid Value etc. shall be inserted after entry of "Olive Pomace oil "at point (e) subregulation 2.2.9.

(24 APRIL 23 )

#### Draft Notification of FSS (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2023

A draft FSS (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regualtion,2023 is published which states Sub-regulation 2.3.8 shall be omitted which is related with, Restriction on sale of ghee having less Reichert value than that specified for the area where such ghee is sold. Also, Form A is omitted. The BIS Certification mark, is omitted for Infant nutrition, Packaged drinking water and Mineral water and Indian Standards Institution Certification Mark is omitted for condensed milk, sweetened skimmed milk, milk powder etc. Also the "AGMARK certification mark"is omitted for Multi Source Edible oil and for fat spread.

## Direction under Section 16(5) of FSS Act, 2006 regarding operationalization of MRL of Pesticides used in Tea.

FSSAI has notified the draft FSS(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues)Amendment Regulation,2020 for the revision of MRL of pesticides used in TEA along with other crops and commodities. The finalization of this Draft regulation is likely to take some time so the MRL limit of Emamectin Benzoate, Fenpyroximate, Hexaconazole, Propiconazole and Quinalphos have been revised and also it has been operationalized with immediate effect.

(28 APRIL 23)