NEWSLETTER

FSSAI ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS & DIRECTIONS **MAY ISSUE**

Applications received for approval of product/ingredients formulated with vitamins and/or minerals above one RDA level

FSSAI has decided that products/ ingredients formulated with vitamins and/ or minerals above one RDA level shall not be considered for approval under the Food Safety and Standards (Approval for Non-specified Food and Food Ingredients) Regulations, 2017 as such products/ingredients are more akin to drug.

(15 MAY 2023)

Draft Regulation for Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018

The Food Authority has notified the draft regulation to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018 dated 11th May 2023 with certain amendments related to standards of Mead (Honey wine), Craft Beer, Indian liquors and definition of Low Alcoholic Beverages/ RTD, Wine based Beverages and, Country Liquors etc. The said draft is open for objections and suggestions for a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published were made available to the public.

(19 MAY 2023)

Direction under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding enforcement of the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & **Display) Second Amendment Regulations, 2022**

Reference is drawn to the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & Display) Second Amendment Regulations, 2022 published in the gazette of India on 11th October, 2022 (enforceable w.e.f. 1st May, 2023) wherein a "note" is specified below the declaration for "Pan Masala" in Schedule II. In this context, an extension of the aforementioned "note" was requested from the association to exhaust the existing packaging material. After due consideration, it has been decided to defer the enforcement of the abovementioned "note" for the period of three months from the date of enforcement i.e. 1st May, 2023.

(22 MAY 2023)

Direction under Section 16(5) of FSSA, 2006 regarding reoperationalization of FSS (Food for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulations, 2022 relating to revised limits of Selenium, Manganese, Iron and Biotin

It has been decided to re-operationalize the limits of Selenium, Manganese, Iron and Biotin specified at Annexure-1 [FSS (Food for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulations, 2022] under Section 18(2)(d) of FSSA, 2006 w.e.f. 1st April, 2023. The draft FSS (Food for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulations, 2022 is under the process of notification for inviting stakeholders' comments and finalization of the same may take more time.

(22 MAY 2023)

Enforcement of FSSA, 2006 & Rules/Regulations made thereunder, in respect of the FBOs, having Central Licenses- reg.

On the basis of feedbacks received from State food authorities with respect to enforcement of the provisions of FSS Act, 2006, it has been observed that the said instructions need to be consolidated and clarified to avoid any confusion/ambiguity. Therefore, to ensure an effective enforcement without any jurisdictional issues between the State & the Central Food Safety Officers and keeping in view the objectives of the Act as well as overall administrative efficiency, the authority has laid down certain directions in this matter.

(22 MAY 2023)