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Draft Amendments Relating to Fats-Oils-Oats and Pasta Products

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Report Highlights:

India notified its draft regulations relating to fats, oils, oats and pasta products to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and invited comments. The comment period for trading partners expires on August 12, 2016.

General Information:

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On July 12, 2016, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a Gazette notification to include new draft standards for fats, oils, oats and pasta products. The notification invites comments from the WTO member countries and the comment period for trading partners expires on August 12, 2016.

Comments should be sent to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
3rd Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi – 110002
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Details of Notification:

- Date of Publication on FSSAI website: July 12, 2016
- Final date for comments from WTO members: August 12, 2016

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

The major highlights of the amendments in the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, are as follows:

1. In sub-Regulation 18 of Regulation 1.2, in item (iv) after the words “citric acid”, the words “and any suitable food grade enzyme” shall be inserted.
2. In sub-Regulation 2.2.1 of the Regulation 2.2:
 - (a) In clause 1, the portion starting with the words “Further, if the oil is obtained” and ending with the words “Hexame more than 5.00 ppm” shall be deleted.
 - (b) A new clause shall be inserted after clause 24 which will read as:
“25. Edible vegetable oils may be fortified with the following vitamins, namely:

Nutrients	Range of nutrient per gram of Oil	Source of nutrient
Vitamin A	22.5-27.5 IU	Retinyl acetate, Retinyl palmitate and Retinyl propionate
Vitamin D	3.96-4.84 IU	Cholecalciferol, Ergocalciferol

Range of vitamins shall be applicable at the time of packaging and shall show a positive test at the time of sale. Every package of fortified edible vegetable oil shall bear the declaration “Fortified with Vitamin A and D”.

3. In sub-Regulation 2.2.2:

(a) In the opening paragraph, for the “vegetable fat”, the words “vegetable fat/oil” shall be substituted.

(b) Clause (vi) shall be deleted.

4. In sub-Regulation 2.4.6, an additional clause (17) shall be inserted to read as follows:

“17.OATS

(1) Oats shall be dried mature grains of *Avena sativa* or *Avena byzantina*. The grains shall be sound, clean, wholesome, and free from toxic seeds, live insects and visible mold confirming to the following standards, namely:-

S.No	Characteristics	Requirements
(i)	Moisture	Not more than 14.0 per cent. by weight
(ii)	Foreign matter(Extraneous matter)	Not more than 1 per cent. by weight of which not more than 0.25 per cent. by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10 per cent. by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.
(iii)	Other edible grains (grains other than oats)	Not more than 3 per cent. by weight.
(iv)	Damaged grains (including pieces of kernels that show visible deterioration due to moisture, weather, disease, insects, mould, heating, fermentation, sprouting or other causes)	Not more than 3 per cent. by weight.
(v)	Weevilled grains	Not more than 2 per cent. by count.
(vi)	Minimum test weight (weight of hundred litre volume of oats expressed as kilograms per hectolitre (kg/hl).	Not less than 46 kg/hl
(vii)	Hull-less and broken kernels	Not more than 3 per cent. by weight.
(viii)	Uric acid	Not more than 100 mg per kg.
(ix)	Ergot	Sclerotium of the fungus <i>Claviceps purpurea</i> 0.05 per cent. m/m max

(2) Food Additives

The product shall contain food additives specified in Appendix A to these regulations.

(3) Contaminants, Toxins and Residues

The product contaminants, toxin and residues shall be in accordance with the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011.

(4) Food Hygiene

(a) The product shall be prepared and handled in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Schedule 4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011.

(b) The product shall conform to the microbiological requirement specified in Appendix B of these regulations.

(5) Labelling

The product shall be labelled in accordance with the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011.

(6) Method of Sampling and Analysis

As provided in the relevant FSSAI Manual of Method of Analysis of Food”;

- (D) in sub-regulation 2.4.10, for clause 1, the following clause shall be substituted, namely-
“1. PASTA PRODUCTS: (a) (Macaroni, spaghetti, vermicelli) means the product obtained from *either single or in combination of ingredients including suji , maida , rice flour , groundnut flour , tapioca flour , edible soy flour or flour of any other cereal referred to in sub-regulation 2.4 of regulations, with or without addition of ingredients milk powder and spices by kneading the dough and extending it.*
(b) *It shall be free from added colour, dirt, insect’s larvae and impurities or any other extraneous matter.*
(c) *It shall conform to the following standards:-*

Moisture	Not more than 12.5 per cent.
Total ash	Not more than 1.0 per cent. On dry basis
Ash insoluble in dilute HCl (On dry basis)	Not more than 0.1 per cent.
Nitrogen	Not less than 1.7 per cent. on dry basis”.

The full text of the FSSAI notification can be accessed on FSSAI’s website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.