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Final Amendment on Standards for Various Food Contaminants

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Regulations, 2011](#), to update standards for various food contaminants.

Executive Summary:

FSSAI published [Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Amendment Regulations, 2015](#), to update FSSAI's standards for various food contaminants. The amendment is in final form and is based on public comments received during the public comment period from various stakeholders on the draft regulations published on May 12, 2015 ([IN5062](#)).

General Information:

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FSSAI notified [Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Amendment Regulations, 2015](#), to update standards for various food contaminants. The final amendment reflects changes based on feedback from the public (See GAIN Report [IN5062](#) for details on the draft amendment).

The full text of the final amendment published by FSSAI on November 20, 2015, is provided below and is also available on their website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

Details of Notification: F.No.1-99/1/SP (contaminants)/FSSAI/2009

- Publication Date: November 20, 2015
- Date of Implementation: Immediate

Products affected: Cereal and cereal products, pulses, nuts, dried figs, oil and oilseed products, spices, milk, wheat, barley, rye, apple juice.

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

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, 4th November, 2015

F.No.1-99/1/SP(contaminants)/FSSAI/2009.—Whereas the draft of the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 were published as required under sub-section (1) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), vide notification of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India number F.No P. 15025/264/13-PA/FSSAI dated the 9th April, 2015 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4, inviting objections and suggestions from the persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of the period of thirty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification were made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 9th April, 2015;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public in respect of the said draft regulations have been considered by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (i) of sub-section (2) of section 92 read with section 20 and 22 of the said Act, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, namely:-

Regulations

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.2 relating to “Crop Contaminants and naturally occurring toxic substances”, in sub-regulation 2.2.1, for clause in clause 1 and the table thereunder, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“1. No article of food specified in column (3) of the Table below shall contain any crop contaminant specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof in excess of quantities specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table:

TABLE

S.No.	Name of the Contaminants	Article of the food	Limit ug/kg
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Aflatoxin	Cereal and Cereal Products	15
		Pulses	15
		Nuts	
		Nuts for further processing	15
		Ready to eat	10
		Dried figs	10
		Oilseeds or oil	
		Oilseeds for further processing	15
		Ready to eat	10
		Spices	30
2.	Aflatoxin M ₁	Milk	0.5
3.	Ochratoxin A	Wheat, barley and rye	20

4.	Patulin	Apple juice and Apple juice ingredients in other beverages	50
5.	Deoxynivalenol	wheat	1000".

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Note. - The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide notification number F. No. 2-15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2011 and subsequently amended vide notification No. 1-12/Sci.Panel/ (Notification)/FSSAI/2012, dated the 3rd December, 2014.