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Report Highlights:

On July 24, 2020, the Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) extended the compliance date for stakeholders to adopt standards established by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) related to the commercial feeds/feed materials intended for meat and milk producing animals. The new compliance date is January 1, 2021, and the timeline has been extended in order to accommodate requests from industry stakeholders as they deal with the current COVID-19 situation and subsequent lockdown orders issued by the GOI.

General Information:

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On July 24, 2020, FSSAI extended the compliance timeline for guidelines issued for commercial feeds/feed materials intended for meat and milk producing animals. The new compliance date is January 1, 2021. The relevant standards for feeds/feed materials used for meat and milk producing animals have been established by the BIS. Below is a chronology of FSSAI directions issued on this subject. A copy of each notification mentioned below is pasted at the end of this report in order of its chronology. The notifications can also be accessed on FSSAI's website www.fssai.gov.in/.

July 24, 2020: FSSAI extends the compliance timeline on guidelines issued for commercial feeds and feed materials intended for meat and milk producing animals.

January 27, 2020: FSSAI amends its guidelines to supersede the earlier guidelines issued on December 10, 2019, and noted that commercial feeds intended for cattle will comply with BIS specifications only for *compounded feeds for cattle* (IS 2052:2009) and shall carry a BIS Certification Mark on the label of products. Implementation will begin six months from the date of issue of this guideline, i.e., July 27, 2020. FSSAI however mistakenly mentioned the previous notification date as October 2019 instead of December 2019 for which it subsequently issued a corrigendum to correct the error. *A copy of the corrigendum dated January 30, 2020 is pasted below.*

January 27, 2020: FSSAI implemented the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2020 with immediate effect. The amendments relate to meat and meat products. The relevant clause as copied from this FSSAI notification reads as:

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, for the note given under sub-regulation 2.5.2 related to Meat and Meat Products,

(i) the sentence "*All the products listed in regulation 2.5.2 under clause 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 shall comply with following requirements:*" shall be substituted with the following namely:

"All the products listed in regulation 2.5.2 shall comply with following requirements:"

(ii) note (c) shall be substituted with the following namely:

"(c) Milk and meat producing animals except poultry and fish shall not be fed with feed containing meat or bone meal including internal organs, blood meal and tissues of bovine or porcine origin materials except milk and milk products. Commercial feeds shall comply with the relevant BIS standards, as may be specified by the Food Authority from time to time, and carry BIS certification mark on the label of the product."

December 10, 2019: FSSAI issued guidelines requiring commercial feeds/feed materials intended for food producing animals to comply with the relevant BIS standards, and to be manufactured, imported, distributed and sold only with BIS Certification Mark. The guidelines also noted that implementation will start six months from the date of issue of the notification, i.e. June 10, 2020.

July 24, 2020:

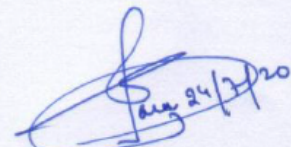
F. No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-pt-1
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)
(Regulation Division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated, the 24th July, 2020

Subject: Extension of timeline for compliance with the direction dated 27th January, 2020 issued under 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding compliance of commercial feeds/feed materials intended for meat and milk producing animals with relevant BIS standards.

Reference is drawn to direction F. No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-Pt-1 dated 27th January, 2020 uploaded on FSSAI website on 29.01.2020, regarding compliance of the commercial feed intended for cattle with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications for Compounded feeds for Cattle (Is 2052:2009) as amended on the date of enforcement of the direction and to carry a BIS certification mark on the product label. As per the direction, it will come into force after 6 months (i.e. July 27th, 2020) from the date of issue of the direction.

2. Meanwhile representations have been received requesting for further extension of time for compliance with the provisions of the above mentioned direction on account of the current COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown orders/restrictions issued by the Central/State Governments.
3. After due consideration of the representations, it has been decided to extend the timeline, for compliance of the provisions of the above mentioned direction further upto 1st January, 2021
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested under Section 16(5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



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Executive Director (Compliance Strategy)

January 27, 2020

File No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-Pt-1
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated, the 27th January, 2020

Direction

Subject: Direction under 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding compliance of commercial feeds/feed materials intended for meat and milk producing animals with the relevant BIS standards.

Reference is drawn to notification File No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-Pt-1, dated 10th October, 2019 wherein it was made mandatory for commercial feeds/feed materials intended for food producing animals to comply with the relevant BIS standards.

2. Concerns have been raised by stakeholders regarding the implementation of the said direction particularly regarding the BIS standards and its certification.

3. After due deliberation on these concerns and as empowered in the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) amendment Regulations, 2020, operationalised vide File No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-Pt-2 dated 27/01/2020, it has been decided that the commercial feeds intended for cattle shall comply with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications for Compounded feeds for Cattle (IS 2052:2009) as amended on the date of enforcement of this direction and shall carry a BIS certification mark on the label of the products.

4. This direction will supersede the earlier direction mentioned above and will come into force after 6 months from the date of issue.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested under Section 16(5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.


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January 27, 2020

File No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-Pt-2

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)

FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated, the 27th January, 2020

Subject: Direction under 18(2)(d) read with section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding operationalisation of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) amendment Regulations, 2020.

In exercise of the power conferred under section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, FSSAI has framed draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2020 related to revision of note (c) under Regulation 2.5.2 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 (copy enclosed)

2. The draft regulations are in the process of being notified and the process of draft notification, consideration of comments, if any that may be received thereon and the finalization of these regulations are likely to take some time. Meanwhile, for the alignment of FSSAI requirements with respect to animal feed with those specified in BIS and DAHD and to address the safety issue identified in the recent quality and safety survey of commodities like milk etc, it has been decided to operationalise these regulations with immediate effect.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority in exercise of the power vested with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India under Section 18(2)(d) read with 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



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Executive Director (Compliance Strategy)

January 30, 2020:

File No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-Pt-1
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FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated, the 30th January, 2020

CORRIGENDUM

In the direction vide File No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-Pt-1 dated 27th January, 2020 of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, regarding compliance of commercial feeds/feed materials intended for meat and milk producing animals with the relevant BIS standards uploaded on FSSAI website on 29th January, 2020:

In line 2 of the direction "10th October, 2019" shall be read as "10th December, 2019".



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Executive Director (Compliance Strategy)

December 10, 2019

File No. 1-95/Std/Misc/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2015-Pt-1
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated, the 10th December, 2019

Direction

Subject: Direction under 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding compliance of commercial feeds/feed materials intended for food producing animals with the relevant BIS standards.

In recent instances it has been noted that foods of animal origin are at times found to be non-compliant with the relevant food quality and safety standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 with respect to pesticides, heavy metals and Aflatoxin M1. The major source of these contaminants is largely through feed and fodder. Thus, the regulatory control to ensure quality and safety of animal feed and silage is urgently needed.

2. In this context, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is examining the possibility of framing feed regulations, supported with appropriate amendments to the Act. Meanwhile, in order to address the issue on an interim basis, it has been decided that commercial feeds/feed materials intended for food producing animals shall comply with the relevant BIS standards and shall not be manufactured, imported, distributed and sold except under the Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Mark.

3. This direction will come into force after 6 months from the date of issue.

4. This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.


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Attachments:

No Attachments.