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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020 in the Official Gazette of India. The regulations relate to standards for infant nutrition foods and the implementation date is July 1, 2021.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**DISCLAIMER:** The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>. The Office of Agricultural Affairs, USDA and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

On December 14, 2020, FSSAI published in its website the [Food Safety and Standards \(Foods for Infant Nutrition\) Regulations, 2020](#). The regulations relate to standards for different categories of infant nutrition foods. The implementation date for the regulation is July 1, 2021. The prescribed standards cover requirements specifying the scope, composition, food additives and labeling for each of the following infant food categories:

- Infant formula
- Milk cereal based complementary food
- Processed cereal based complementary food
- Follow-up formula
- Food for infants based on traditional food ingredients
- Food for special medical purpose intended for infants
- Pre-term infant milk substitute
- Lactose-free infant milk substitutes
- Hypoallergic infant milk substitutes

The regulation also covers the advisory list of mineral salts, vitamin compounds, amino acids for use in foods for infant nutrition and the list of food additives for special nutrient formulations.

The infant nutrition food manufacturers should follow these standards specified in each of categories mentioned above.

**Background:** FSSAI first notified its draft amendments on this subject on January 10, 2018 and invited the World Trade Organization member countries to offer comments on the draft amendments. For additional details, please refer to GAIN report [IN8004](#).

The full text of the current notification published in the Indian Gazette is pasted below and is available on FSSAI's website at:  
[https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/notifications/2020/12/5fd719575c4d5Gazette\\_Notification\\_Food\\_Infant\\_14\\_12\\_2020.pdf](https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/notifications/2020/12/5fd719575c4d5Gazette_Notification_Food_Infant_14_12_2020.pdf)

### **Attachments:**

[Gazette\\_Notification\\_Food\\_Infant\\_14\\_12\\_2020.pdf](#)