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Report Highlights:

On July 30, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published on its website the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Third Amendment Regulations (2021). The Third Amendment Regulations (2021) relates to the final standards for walnut kernels, as well as to dairy and dairy products, oilseeds and products, margarine and fat spreads, cereal and cereal products among others. The implementation date for this amended regulation is February 1, 2022.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

On July 30, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published on its website the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Third Amendment Regulations \(2021\)](#).

The Third Amendment Regulations (2021) relates to the final standards for walnut kernels, as well as to other food products. The implementation date for this amended regulation is February 1, 2022. The affected products include walnut kernels, buffalo milk, vegetable oils (including peanut, flaxseed, rapeseed, poppy seed, safflower seed, taramira, sesame, Niger seed (also often called Nyger Seed or Nyjer Seed), soybean, maize, watermelon seed, sunflower seed, avocado, grapeseed, interesterified and hydrogenated vegetables, margarine and fat spreads, soybean sauce, besan (ground de-husked Bengal gram flour), maize starch, oat products, soy dahi/yogurt, yellow pea powder, black, white and green peppers, dried sage, instant tea in solid form, caffeinated and non-alcoholic beverages, packaged drinking water, sweeteners, and chewing gum.

Observations on the standards for walnut kernels from the current notification are further clarified immediately below. FAS New Delhi recommends a careful review of the full notification for a more precise understanding of the final standards for all other products covered.

- The walnut kernel standards are for fresh product.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in the final standards notification has added a permissible variation of 15 percent with respect to the uniformity of color in walnuts.
- On the damaged units, percent-by-mass (maximum) parameter, the limit has been increased from 2.0 to 4.0.

The full text of the Gazette of India (official gazette) notification is attached as PDF to this report, as well as is available on the FSSAI website located at:

https://fssai.gov.in/upload/notifications/2021/07/6103dc2e5287aGazette_Notification_Oil_30_07_2021.pdf.

For earlier draft notification background information, see [GAIN-INDIA-IN2020-0121 – FSSAI Proposes Draft Standards for Walnut Kernels and other Various Food Product](#).

Attachments:

[210730-Final Notification Walnut Kernels Other Products.pdf](#)