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Report Highlights:

On January 29, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India reinstated now for a second time, its draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulation (2020), relating to the commercial feeds/feed materials intended for meat and meat products. This amendment requires an alignment with the relevant standards for feeds/feed materials used for meat and milk producing animals established by the Bureau of Indian Standards. The reactivated regulatory order is made effective commencing January 28, 2021. The full text of the current order is found in Appendix I of this GAIN report, as well as is accessible on the FSSAI website.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

On January 29, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India reinstated now for a second time, its draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulation (2020), relating to the commercial feeds/feed materials intended for meat and meat products. The reactivated regulatory order is made effective from January 28, 2021.

BACKGROUND

Feed and Feed Materials Intended for Meat and Meat Products

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India will publish further guidance on a compliance date for commercial feed/feed materials standards once the meat and meat products standards finalized. A compliance date is tentatively set for July 1, 2021 (see [GAIN-INDIA - IN2021-0002 – Second Extension on Commercial Feeds and Feed Material Standards Compliance Timeline](#)). The regulation is operationalized to align the FSSAI's requirement with respect to animal feed with those specified in the [Bureau of Indian Standards](#) (BIS) and the [Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying](#) (DAHD), as well as to address food safety and public health concerns associated with commodities (e.g., milk).

For additional information on the FSSAI's original guidelines issued for commercial feeds/feed materials intended for meat and milk producing animals, see [GAIN-INDIA - IN2020-0094 – Compliance Timeline Extended on Commercial Feeds and Feed Materials Standards](#).

Meat and Meat Products

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is reinstating the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulation (2020) in consideration of the time it is taking to finalize the regulation.

Previously on August 17, 2020, the FSSAI had initially reinstated the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulation (2020). As per the provision of Section 18 (2) (d) of the Food Safety Act (2006), an amendment of any regulation may occur whenever there is an urgency concerning food safety or public health, provided that such regulations shall be in force for *not more than six-months*. The prior six-month period concluded on July 28, 2020, having set a new compliance date of January 1, 2021.

To accommodate a January 1, 2021, compliance date, the Food Safety Act requires that the FSSAI reinstitute the amendment to cover an additional six-months compliance timeframe. All other information on the amendment remains unchanged.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India notes that the comments received from stakeholders on the amendment are still under consideration and finalization is taking time. (See [GAIN-INDIA - IN2020-0112 - FSSAI Reinstates Food Additives and Food Standards Amendment Regulation in Meat and Meat Products \(September 1, 2020\)](#)).

The full text of the current order is found in Appendix I of this GAIN report, as well as is accessible on the FSSAI website located at:

https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2021/01/6013fd4bd1a62Direction_Animal_Feed_29_01_2021.pdf.

APPENDIX I – DRAFT FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (FOOD PRODUCTS STANDARDS AND FOOD ADDITIVES) AMENDMENT REGULATION (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 29th January, 2021

Subject: Direction under 18(2)(d) read with section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding re-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 under Regulation 2.5.2 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 (copy enclosed) and the same were operationalised on 27.01.2020 and subsequently re-operationalised w.e.f. 28.07.2020.

2. The draft regulations were notified on 26.10.2020 inviting comments from the stakeholders and are in the process of finalization which is 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 re-operationalise these regulations with effect from 28.01.2021.

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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Notice for operationalisation of draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2020

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby make the following regulation operational with immediate effect.

Draft Regulations

1. These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2020.
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, pig 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."

Attachments:

No Attachments.