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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published its notification on revised standards for milk and milk products in the Official Gazette of India. The implementation date for the revised standards is scheduled for July 1, 2020.

General Information:

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On November 28, 2019, FSSAI published the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Fifth Amendment Regulations, 2019, related to revised standards for milk and milk products. According to FSSAI, the implementation of the notification will commence on July 1, 2020. The full text of the amendment, as published in the Gazette, is provided below and is available on the website of FSSAI at: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

Details of Final Notification: F.No. M&MP/Misc.Stds/Notification (03)/FSSAI-2018

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Date of Implementation: July 1, 2020

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

The full text of the notification is pasted in the report. Readers may also access the notification from the FSSAI website at the following link: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 28th November, 2019

F. No. M&MP/Misc. Stds/Notification(03)/FSSAI-2018.—Whereas the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2018, were published as required by 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. M&MP/Misc. Stds/Notification (03)/FSSAI-2018, dated the 26th November, 2018, 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 12th December, 2018;

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 (e) of sub-section (2) of section 92 read with section 16 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 (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, namely:-

Regulations

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Fifth Amendment Regulations, 2019.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette and Food Business Operator shall comply with all the provisions of these regulations by 1st July, 2020.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.1,-
 - (A) in sub-regulation 2.1.2 related to Standards for Milk, in item 2, under sub-item (b),-
 - (I) in the composition table, row 3 related to “Goat or Sheep Milk” shall be substituted by the following,-

Sl. No	Class of Milk	Locality or State or Area	Minimum Milk Fat(per cent, m/m)	Minimum Milk Solids- not-Fat (SNF)(per cent, m/m)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
“3.	Goat or Sheep Milk	All India	3.0	8.0”;

(II) in the “Note(s)” below composition table, after entry (ii), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

“(iii) Total sodium content in the milk shall not be more than 650mg/100gm SNF .”

(B) in sub-regulation 2.1.10 related to Standards for Milk Powders and Cream Powder, in item 2, under sub-item (b), after composition table, the following shall be inserted, namely,—

“**Note.-** Total sodium content in the milk powder shall not be more than 650 mg/ 100 gm SNF. The maximum level does not apply to sodium that could be present due to the use of sodium containing additives in milk powders.”

(C) in sub-regulation 2.1.16, relating to Standard for *Chhana* and *Paneer*,-

(I) in item 2, the composition table under sub-item (c) shall be replaced with the following,-

“Parameter	<i>Chhana or Paneer</i>	<i>Medium fat Chhana or Paneer</i>	<i>Low fat Chhana or Paneer</i>
Moisture, maximum, %, (m/m)	65.0 (for <i>Chhana</i>) 60.0 (for <i>Panner</i>)	65.0 (for <i>Chhana</i>) 60.0 (for <i>Panner</i>)	70.0 (for <i>Chhana</i>) 70.0 (for <i>Panner</i>)
Milk fat, %, (m/m), dry matter basis	50.0 (minimum)	More than 20.0 and less than 50.0	20.0(maximum)”;

(II) in item 6 related to ‘Labelling’,-

(1) sub-item (a) shall be substituted by the following, namely:—

“(a) The name of the product shall be ‘*Chhana*’, ‘*Paneer*’, ‘Low Fat *Chhana*’ or Low Fat *Paneer*’, ‘Medium Fat *Chhana*’ or ‘Medium Fat *Paneer*’ depending upon the composition as per the sub-item (c) of item 2.”;

(2) sub-item (b) shall be substituted by the following, namely:—

“(b) ‘Low Fat *Chhana*’/‘Medium Fat *Chhana*’ and ‘Low Fat *Paneer*’/‘Medium Fat *Paneer*’ shall be sold in sealed package only and shall bear the following label declarations depending upon the respective product composition:

“LOW FAT *PANEER* or LOW FAT *CHHANA*”

Or

“MEDIUM FAT *PANEER* or MEDIUM FAT *CHHANA*”;

(3) existing sub-item “(c)” shall be renumbered as “(d)” and the following sub-item shall be inserted after sub-item (b) so amended, namely:—

“(c) Every package of Medium Fat *Channa* and Medium Fat *Paneer* shall bear the following label, namely:—

“Contains % Milk Fat”.

(D) insub-regulation 2.1.17 related to Standard for Cheese and Cheese Products,-

(I) in item 1, after sub-item (b), the following sub-item shall be inserted, namely:-

“(c) Whey Cheeses are solid, semi-solid, or soft products which are principally obtained through either of the following processes:

- (1) the concentration of whey and the moulding of the concentrated product;
- (2) the coagulation of whey by heat with or without the addition of acid.

(d) “Cheeses in Brine” are semi-hard to soft ripened cheeses. The body has a white to yellowish colour and a compact texture suitable for slicing, with none to few mechanical openings. The cheeses have no actual rind and have been ripened and preserved in brine until delivered to, or prepacked for, the consumer. Certain individual cheeses in brine contain specific herbs and spices as part of their identity.”;

(II) in item 2, under sub-item (c),-

(1) in the table after entry (iv) relating to Cheese products, following shall be inserted, namely:-

Product		Moisture Maximum, % m/m	Milk Fat Minimum, % (dry basis)	Lactose, Maximum, % (m/m)
“v)	Whey cheeses			
a.	Creamed whey cheese	-	33	-
b.	Whey cheese	-	**	-
c.	Skimmed whey cheese	-	***	-
vi)	Cheeses in brine			
a.	Soft cheese in brine	-	40	-
b.	Semi-hard cheese in brine	-	40	-“;

(2) in the table, after existing entry (*), following shall be inserted, namely:-

***Milk fat in whey cheese shall be minimum 10% and less than 33% on dry basis.

***Milk fat in skimmed whey cheese shall be less than 10% on dry”;

(III) under item 6, the sub-item (a) shall be substituted by the following, namely:-

“(a) The name of the food product shall be ‘cheese’, ‘whey cheese’ or ‘cheese in brine’, as applicable. However, the word ‘cheese’, ‘whey cheese’ or ‘cheese in brine’ may be omitted in the designation of an individual cheese variety as per sub-item (a) of item 1.”.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.