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### Amendments to Packaging and Labeling Regulations

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**Report Highlights:**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Packaging and Labeling\) Regulations, 2011](#) to include additional labeling requirements for pre-packaged food, edible oils and fats. The amended regulations shall come into force with effect from August 28, 2013.

## **General Information:**

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## **Introduction:**

On July 9, 2013, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2013. The amendments relate to additional labeling requirements for pre-packaged food, edible oils and fats and have been incorporated by FSSAI on the basis of feedback received from various stakeholders on the draft regulations published on December 6, 2012 ([IN2170](#)). The [Food Safety and Standards \(Packaging and Labeling\) Amendment Regulations, 2013](#) have not been notified to the WTO.

A summary of the amendments is given below.

1. An additional sub-clause (iv) after item (iii) has been added in regulation 2.2, sub-regulation 2.2.2. related to labeling of pre-packaged foods. Additional sub-clause (iv) will read as:

“Edible vegetable oils, fats including hydrogenated vegetable oils, and processed and packaged foods with declared shelf life will have the following declaration on the label:

- (i) Total trans fat content not more than ----- percent by weight
- (ii) Total saturated fat content not more than ----- percent by weight”

2. An additional sub-clause (c) has been added in clause 4 of regulation 2.4, sub-regulation 2.4.2. related to ‘labeling of edible oils and fats.’ Sub-clause (c) will read as:

“contains trans fatty acids not more than ----- percent by weight, and saturated fatty acids not more than ----- percent by weight.”

The full text of the amendment as given in the notification is attached below and can also be accessed on the [FSSAI](#) website.

## **Details of Notification:** F.No.P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI

- **Publication Date:** June 27, 2013
- **Date of implementation:** August 28, 2013
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of July 10, 2013)

**Products Affected:** All food products

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

## NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th June, 2013

F. No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI.—Whereas a draft of certain regulations to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011 were published, as required by clause (k) of sub-section (2) of Section 92 read with Section 23 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), vide notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated 29th November, 2012 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, in Part-III, Section 4, dated 6th December, 2012, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification was published and made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 6th December, 2012;

And whereas objections or suggestions received from the public on 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 (k) of sub-section (2) of Section 92 read with Section 23 of the said Act, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, with the previous approval of the Central Government, hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011, namely :—

### Regulations

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Regulations, 2013.  
(2) They shall come into force after the expiry of sixty days from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011,—
  - (a) in regulation 2.2, sub-regulation 2.2.2 relating to 'Labelling of Pre-packed Foods', in clause 3, in sub-clause (v), after item (iii), before the proviso, the following shall be inserted, namely :—

“(iv) Edible vegetable oils, fats including hydrogenated vegetable oils, and processed and packaged foods with declared shelf life will have the following declaration on the label :

    - (i) Total trans fat content not more than ----- per cent by weight
    - (ii) Total saturated fat content not more than -----percent by weight”;
  - (b) in regulation 2.4, sub-regulation 2.4.2. relating to 'Labelling of edible oils and fats', in clause 4, after sub-clause (b), the following shall be inserted, namely :—

“(c) contains trans fatty acids not more than ---- per cent by weight, and

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saturated fatty acids not more than ---- per cent by weight”.

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**Foot note** :—The Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011 were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 dated 1st August, 2011 vide notification F. No. 2-15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2011.