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FSSAI Notifies Compliance Directions for Caffeinated Beverages

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified an extension of the time period allowed for compliance with standards for caffeinated beverages. With this directive FSSAI has exempted Food Business Operators (FBOs) from the said regulations till December 31, 2017.

General Information:

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Introduction: On December 2, 2016, FSSAI notified standards for caffeinated beverages and use of blue tint in plastic container via [notification no. P. 15025/93/2011-PFA/FSSAI](#). FSSAI had stated that FBOs must comply with provisions of the said regulations by July 1, 2017. In response to industry requests, however, on June 15, 2017 FSSAI announced on its website that it has extended the time period allowed for compliance by the FBOs till December 31, 2017.

Details of Directive: F.No.1322/Caffeinated Beverages/IBA/Reg/FSSAI-2017

Publication Date: June 15, 2017

- **Date of Notification made Public:** December 2, 2016
- **Details of Notification:** [Notification no. P. 15025/93/2011-PFA/FSSAI](#)
- **Previous Date of Enforcement:** July 1, 2017
- **New Date of Enforcement:** January 1, 2018

Products Affected: Beverages

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

The full text of this [directive](#) can be accessed from the [FSSAI website](#) and is pasted below:

F.No. 1322/Caffeinated Beverages/IBA/Reg/FSSAI-2017
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A statutory Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002

The 15th June, 2017

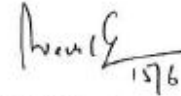
Subject: Direction under section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding extension of time period for the compliance of Notification F.No. P.15025/93/2011-PFA/FSSAI dated 2nd December, 2016 relating to Standards for Caffeinated Beverages.

Reference is drawn to notification No. P.15025/93/2011-PFA/FSSAI dated 2nd December, 2016 published in the Official Gazette of India prescribing standards for Caffeinated Beverages. As per this notification, a transition period of six months i.e. up to 1st July, 2017 has been given to the Food Business Operators to comply with these regulations.

2. However, representations have been received from various stakeholders requesting for further extension of time for enforcement of the said regulation as products manufactured and imported in compliance with the draft regulations are still available in the market and will continue to be fit for sale for the next one - two years and recalling or removing the currently compliant stock from the market after 1st July 2017 shall impose an unnecessary logistical and financial burden on the trade.

3. After due consideration, it has been decided that the stock of caffeinated beverages manufactured domestically or imported in accordance with the requirement specified vide Food Authority's earlier approvals before 30th June, 2017 shall be exempted from compliance of the above regulations till 31st December 2017.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested under Sections 16(5) of Food safety and Standards Act, 2006.



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To

1. All Food Safety Commissioners,
2. All Authorized Officers, FSSAI,
3. All Designated Officers, FSSAI.

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