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### More Amendments in Packaging and Labeling Regulations

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**Report Highlights:**

On May 16, 2013, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Packaging and Labeling\) Regulations, 2011](#). The amendments increase the scope of applicable products that require oligofructose labeling as well as added plant stanol esters and trehalose labeling requirements for other products. The deadline for comments is November 8, 2013.

## General Information:

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## Introduction:

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Comments should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer  
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India,  
Food and Drug Administration Bhawan,  
Kotla Road, New Delhi- 110002  
Email: [nutra.regulation.fssai@gmail.com](mailto:nutra.regulation.fssai@gmail.com)

The full text of the notification is attached at the end of this report. A brief summary of the notification is below.

### Regulation 2.4.5: Specific Labeling Requirements of other products

- a. In sub-regulation 43, in addition to biscuits, bread and cakes, other products have been added that now require a labeling for oligofructose.

Sub-regulation 43 now reads as:

Every package of biscuits, bread and cakes, yoghurt, mousse, spreads, dairy based drinks (milkshakes, yoghurt drink), cheese, pudding, cream and ice-cream; frozen desserts like non dairy ice, sorbet and fruit ice, frozen yoghurt, flakes and ready-to-eat dry breakfast cereals, chocolates and sweets; and carbohydrate based and milk product based sweets like halwa, mysore pak, boondi laddu, jalebi, khoya burfi, peda, gulab jamun, rasogolla and similar milk product based sweets sold by any name, cooked sausages, ham and meat spreads containing Oligofructose shall bear the following declaration, namely-

Containing Oligofructose (dietary fiber) –gm/100 gm
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- a. Two additional sub-regulations 48 and 49 have been added to read as:

**48.** Every package of fat spread, milk products, milk based fruit drink, fermented milk products, soy and rice drink, cheese products, yoghurt products, spice sauces, salad dressings, juices and nectars containing plant stanol esters shall bear the following declarations, namely:

- Contains Plant Stanol Esters (as Plant Stanols)--- gm/100 gm or 100 ml.
- Patients on cholesterol lowering medication, pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under the age of five years should only use the product under medical supervision (Consumption of more than 3 gm per day of added plant stanols should be avoided).

**49.** Every package of biscuits, bread, cakes, breakfast cereals carbonated water, thermally processed fruits, fruit juices, fruit nectars, fruit beverages, fruit squashes, jam, jelly, fruit cheese, marmalade, dairy based drinks, carbohydrate based and milk product based sweets like gulab jamun, rosogolla, peda, khoya burfi, macroni products, noodles, pasta, sweets and confectionery, candies and icings shall bear the following label, namely:

Contains Trehalose-source of glucose

**Details of Notification:** No.1-83/Sci.Pan-Noti/FSSAI-2012

- **Publication Date:** May 16, 2013
- **Date of Notification made available to public:** September 10, 2013
- **Date of implementation:** November 8, 2013
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified as of September 13, 2013

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

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
**(FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA)**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 16th May, 2013

**F. No. 1-83/Sci. Pan-Noti/FSSAI-2012.**—The following draft of certain regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011, which the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, with the previous approval of the Central Government, proposes to make, in exercise of the powers conferred 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), is hereby published as required by sub-section (1) of section 92 of the said Act, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published are made available to the public;

Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110 002;

The objections and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulations before the expiry of the period specified above, shall be considered by the aforesaid Authority.

**Draft 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 on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.4.5,-
  - (a) in sub-regulation 43, after the words "bread and cakes", the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"yoghurt, mousse, spreads, dairy based drinks (milkshakes, yoghurt drink), cheese, pudding, cream and ice-cream; frozen desserts like non dairy ice, sorbet and fruit ice, frozen yoghurt, flakes and ready-to-eat dry breakfast cereals, chocolates and sweets; and carbohydrate based and milk product based sweets like halwa, mysore pak, boondi laddu, jalebi, khoya burfi, peda, gulab jamun, rasogolla and similar milk product based sweets sold by any name, cooked sausages, ham and meat spreads";

(b) after sub-regulation 47, the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“48. Every package of fat spread, milk products, milk based fruit drink, fermented milk products, soy and rice drink, cheese products, yoghurt products, spice sauces, salad dressings, juices and nectars containing plant stanol esters shall bear the following declarations, namely:-

- Contains Plant Stanol Esters (as Plant Stanols )---gm/100 gm or 100ml.
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Contains Trehalose- source of glucose.”

R. K. JAIN, Chief Executive Officer

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