



CII Task Force on Food Regulatory Affairs works in close association with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the relevant Ministries of the Government of India like Ministry of Food Processing Industry, Ministry of Consumer Affairs etc., for carrying out food-related regulatory activities.

All our actions are directed with the objective of encouraging a favorable regulatory environment. During the last year, the regulatory cell under the task force has facilitated consultations and dialogue with authorities on various significant issues such as labelling and display, infant nutrition, health supplements and nutraceuticals, legal metrology, and others.

Food Regulatory Update

August 2022

Key Submissions

- Final Notifications
- Draft Notifications
- CII - CODEX X-CHANGE
- FSSAI Interface
- BIS
- Recent Directions & Orders
- CII Capacity Building Initiatives

Final Notifications

CII presented on key final notification w.r.t Basmati Rice, Wheat Flour Atta, Papad, Refined Iodized and Low Sodium Salt and Tolerances.

Revisions were proposed on key parameters such as Moisture, granularity, and Alcoholic acidity for atta, Inclusion of cereal Flour for Papad, PH values for Refined Iodized and Low Sodium Salt, Delinking of TDS from ingredient water, and Tolerances levels for labelling.

Draft Notifications

FSS (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulation 2022, dated 31st May 2022

CII represented on inclusion of oligofructose in food categories such as Pre-Cooked Pasta and spices and condiments. Proposal is also submitted on removal of microbiological testing parameters in rice flour, alignment of fish oil standards as per CODEX and revision in protein content of Peanut butter.

Draft Notification on (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose, and Prebiotic and Probiotic Food) Regulations, dated 29th June 2022

FSSAI issued draft notification dated 29th June related various amendments in (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose, and Prebiotic and Probiotic Food). Proposal submitted for revision in key aspects such as schedules, additives, ingredients, and tolerances.

CII - CODEX X-CHANGE

CII has been actively participating in meetings at NCCP India, some of key interventions are as below: -

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA52)

The 52nd session of Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA52) agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by Belgium and co-chaired by the Islamic Republic of Iran to work on the Revision of the Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives. CII represented and shared industry concerns.

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH6)

The sixth session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH6) is scheduled to be held virtually from September 26 to September 30, 2022, with report adoption on October 3, 2022, from 10:30-13:30 CET (2:00-5:00 PM IST).

The first meeting of the Codex Coordination Group (CCG3): Foods of Plant Origin (Sub-group on Spices and Culinary Herbs) for 6th session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH6) was held through virtual platform on 22nd July 2022 (Friday) at 11:00am under the Chairmanship of Shri D Sathiyam IFS, Secretary, Spices Board.

- Suggestions were made to align quality parameters for dried saffron such as acid insoluble ash, picrocrocin and crocin strength etc. with FSSAI standard for saffron, given the fact that India is one of the major producers of saffron in the world.
- Deliberation was made to maintain min 6% as the volatile oil content in nutmeg for trade to maintain quality. Also,

suggestions were made in the color description for ground chili pepper and ground paprika to align with the definition as per IS 2322:2010 and ISO 7540:2020, respectively.

- Suggestions were also made to align definition and standards of small cardamom with the FSSAI standard for small cardamom. Minutes of the meeting were circulated with the members for details.

CII would also be representing at the following EWG:

- Codex Coordination Group (CCG1) (Chemicals) - Subgroup on Contamination in Foods – regarding "Maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan" and "Maximum levels for certain mycotoxins in selected spices".
- **Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH52)** – draft guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production at step 4 is circulated for members inputs and review. Also, CII requested for nominations for Electronic Working Group established under 52nd Session of Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH52) chaired by Honduras and Co-chaired by Chile and the European Union for 'Guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production.

FSSAI INTERFACE

Interactive Session on Licensing and Registration with FSSAI

CII organized an interactive session with FSSAI on the challenges faced in the FoSCos portal to facilitate ease of compliance and provide clarity on various new amendments.

MS. Inoshi Sharma, Executive Director FSSAI presented an update on latest amendments in the FoSCOs system. Industry also highlighted the key changes and appropriate measures for effective implementation.

Recent Orders / Directions

Order dated 27th July 2022 regarding compliance of Food Safety and Standards (Vegan Foods) Regulations, 2022

FSSAI extended timeline for mandatory compliance by six months i.e., is 26th Jan 2023 from the date of uploading of the guidelines for submission of applications for endorsement of vegan logo and formats.

Order dated 8th August 2022 regarding Examination and scrutiny of license modification applications in FoSCOS for products covered under FSS (Nutraceutical) Regulations, 2022

As per this order Central Licensing Authorities are advised to scrutinize only those products which have been applied for under the modification application at hand and desist from re-examining the already licensed products unless there is a food safety issue or specific complaint reported against a

product/FBO to avoid any inordinate delays in processing of modification applications.

Advisory: AGMARK Certification in imported food articles

FSSAI introduced a direction dated 18th August related to AGMARK Certification for imported food articles. As per the order import articles are kept in abeyance till further order.

Direction dated 27th July 2022 regarding quality parameters in Cereal and Cereal Products

As per this direction the compliance with quality parameters such as Alcoholic acidity and Total dietary fiber in Bajra Flour (Pearl Millet Flour), Jowar Flour (Sorghum Flour), Multigrain flour (atta), Mixed millet flour and revised Moisture content specifications for Mixed millet flour has been kept in abeyance till 31st December 2022.

As next steps CII in association with MOFPI (NIFTEM) would undertake an independent and authentic data collection initiative on these parameters. Further this initiative would entail data collection for other food products such as MRLs values in processed food products and Agri commodities. This initiative would be a continuous activity towards facilitating robust standards.

Review of BIS Standards

- BIS proposed Review of Indian Standard: IS 7238: 1997- Tragacanth gum, food grade specification dated 23rd August 2022.

- Review of Indian Standard: IS 2558: 1994- Ponceau 4R, food grade dated 23rd August 2022.
- BIS proposed Review of Indian Standard: IS 7237: 1997-Caribbean gum, food grade dated 23rd August 2022.
- BIS proposed Review of Indian Standard: IS 9532: 1980- Specification for chakka and Shrikhand dated 18th August 2022.

CII CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES



State Connect: Creating Awareness and Strengthening Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory Ecosystem

CII would be organizing state connect with Food Safety Commissioners.

These sessions will help to build an effective food safety and regulatory ecosystem and would entail discussion around the recent amendments in key food regulatory areas such as Labelling, Sampling, and Analysis, Imports and Licensing and Registration.

The foresight of the experts from the industry will help industries to understand the recent policies and provisions in forming regulatory framework.

17th CII Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory Summit: 21-23 Sept and 26th Sept 2022

Theme: Sustainable Growth with Food Safety, Quality, Innovation & Consumer Empowerment.

CII is organizing 17th edition of the Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory Summit in India Sep 2022. Additionally, the Summit provides an opportunity for industry, government, Codex & global development bodies, academia, consumer bodies and related stakeholders to come together with a focus on addressing the Food Safety and Regulatory ecosystem through updates on critical and emerging opportunities and challenges.

Key sessions:

- Special Plenary on the Theme of the Summit
- Eat Right India- Surging ahead with a National Framework and Pan India Initiatives
- Role of Best in Class Start Ups in Smart Food Safety and Quality
- Microbiological Food Safety: Role of Non-Bacterial Pathogens like parasites and viruses in food
- Food Packaging: Emerging food safety concerns and Strategies around Sustainable Innovative solutions
- Unlocking Potential of Ayurveda and Botanicals: Evaluating Food Safety, Efficacy, and Traceability
- CODEX Vision: Strategic Transformations in Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory Framework