Subject: Extension of timeline for compliance of labelling provisions for the products "Frozen Dessert or Confection" under FSS (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Thirteenth Amendment Regulations, 2017.

Reference is drawn to notification F.No. A-1 (1)/Standards/MMP/2012, dated 12th October, 2017 published in the Gazette of India prescribing revised standards for milk and milk products. As per this notification, a transition period of six months i.e. upto 1st July, 2018 was given to the Food Business Operators to comply with the revised standards.

2. Subsequently, the timeline for compliance of clause 6 (c) of sub-regulation 2.1.15 of these regulations related to "Frozen Desserts or Confections with Added Vegetable Oil/ Fat or Vegetable Protein, or both" was given till 1st January, 2019 [F.No. REG/SP-M&MP/FSSAI-2018 dated 6th June, 2018], then till 1st July, 2019 [F.No. REG/SP-M&MP/FSSAI-2018 dated 27th December, 2018] and then further 1st January 2020 [F.No. REG/SP-M&MP/FSSAI-2018 dated 29th June, 2019] due to the issue of nomenclature of these products vis-a-vis ice cream under these regulation.

3. Now, representations have been received from a section of stakeholders requesting for further extension of time for compliance of above mentioned provision as the issue of nomenclature is still under review in FSSAI.

4. After due consideration of the fact that the issue of nomenclature of frozen dessert is still under review in FSSAI, it has been decided to further extend the timeline for compliance of the labelling requirements for 'Frozen Desserts or Confections with added Vegetable Oil/ Fat and/or Vegetable Protein' as per clause 6 (c) of sub-regulation 2.1.15 of above-mentioned regulation till the final decision of FSSAI on the nomenclature of frozen dessert. However, the Food Business Operators are required to comply with all
other standards/labeling provisions specified for the said products under these regulations.

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

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