F. No. STD/FA/37/FSSAI [E-3114]

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)

FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated 25 February, 2022

Sub: Clarification regarding standards of *Hypoallergenic infant milk substitutes* specified under Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020.

Reference is drawn to the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020 published in Gazette of India on 4th December, 2020, having standards for foods for infants including hypoallergenic infant milk substitutes and the date of compliance of these regulations was extended up to 01st April, 2022. In this regard, a direction dated 30.06.2021 was issued to allow the import of two Hypoallergenic Conditions (i.e. severe allergy due to multiple food protein intolerance that cannot be effectively managed by extensively hydrolyzed formula; and cow milk protein allergy) till 31.03.2022.

- 2. It is to clarify that regulation 15(1)(a) of *ibid* Regulations already covers hypoallergenic infant milk substitute products based on extensively hydrolysed whey protein or casein or free amino acids. Hence two Hypoallergenic conditions mentioned in the para above are subsumed in the regulations.
- 3. Food Business Operator shall comply with the standards of hypoallergenic infant milk substitute as specified under the above mentioned regulations which will come into effect from 01st April, 2022.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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To

- 1. ED(CS) with a request to communicate to Food Safety Commissioners of all States/UTs
- 2. Advisor (QA)
- 3. Head (RCD)/Head (Regulations)/ Head (Legal)
- 4. Director (TICD)-with a request to communicate to all Authorized Officers
- 5. All Regional Directors, FSSAI
- 6. CITO, FSSAI-with a request to upload this clarification on FSSAI website

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- 2. PS to CEO, FSSAI,