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REPORT OF PFNDAI Regulatory Webinar ON VARIOUS REGULATION AMENDMENTS

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Protein Foods & Nutrition Development Association of India (PFNDAI) organized a Regulatory Webinar on Various Recent Regulation Amendments on 12th March 2021.

Dr Jagadish Pai (Executive Director at PFNDAI) welcomed everyone including speakers, panellists and moderator giving a brief introduction on the session topic. Ms Swechha Soni, (Manager Food & Nutrition, PFNDAI) gave a warm welcome and invited the dignitaries of the session – Moderator – Dr Jasvir Singh, Regulatory, Scientific & Government Affairs Lead, South Asia, IFF. Speakers - Ms Arti Gupta, Head Regulatory Affairs, Abbott; Dr Himanish Das, Associate Vice President QA, R&D, and Regulatory, Emami & Mr Vijay Gaur, Head Regulatory Affairs, Danone. Panelists- Ms Meenu Yadav, Technical Regulatory Affairs, Marico; Mr Kiran Desai, Regulatory Advisor - ProInsight Consultancy Services & Dr Parvati Hanamsagar, Assistant Manager - Global Regulatory Affairs & Product Compliance, Herbalife.

Dr Jasvir Singh gave his opening remarks and made a statement that there are too many changes coming

in the regulation and it is required to unlearn the old and learn the new in equal frequency. The challenges in regulation are that learning new regulation is the easiest part but unlearning what was there already becomes a challenge at times.

Ms Arti Gupta gave an insight about the Food Safety and Standards for Infant Nutrition Regulation 2020 and mentioned that the final draft came out on 4th Dec 2020 is to be implemented from 1st July 2021 onwards. She touched upon the changes in regulations. She covered aspects such as what is the clear distinction between products meant for infant nutrition and mentioned the two new categories introduced in the new regulation namely “Food for infants based on traditional food ingredients” and “Food for the special medical purpose intended for infants”. Ms Gupta shared a slide on which there was information on what are the new requirements of the stringent nutrient ranges. She briefed about Vitamin B12 and other

nutrient advocacy. She summarised her talk by giving insight on the new sections- FSMP for infants including Low Birth Weight and Inborn Error of Metabolism.

Dr Himanish Das, presented his views on Food Regulations on Edible oil in India - Challenges and Way Forward and gave a brief on the various aspects such as emergence of FSSAI – as umbrella of regulations & concept of food adulteration to Focus on Standards and Regulations. He also mentioned the harmonization of the global standards in many cases that has arisen in the last six to seven years particularly in case of food additives. Dr Das further briefed on the frequent changes of regulations & ambiguity in clauses.

He also spoke on the areas of improvement which included the following subtopics i.e. frequent changes on regulations – advert and claims regulations, blended oil regulation improvement on the food industry as a partner, constructive feedback from industry with due care, public analyst about regulations, more focus on food safety, adulteration than mislabelling/misbranding.

Mr Vijay Gaur spoke on the Health Supplements, Nutraceutical, FSDU, FSMP, functional foods, and novel foods regulations. He gave a brief background on the Nutraceutical and health supplement regulation. He stated that India has worked upon two-three years after a lot of deliberation with industry associations, and come out with a regulation in 2016 & have given two years to implement this regulation & was implemented since Jan 2018. He also explained the schedules in the regulation and their meaning. Mr Gaur further spoke on the requirements towards the Health Supplements & Nutraceutical and briefed on the amendment regulations of 2020. He further

mentioned about General Provision Inclusion of Food for Sportspersons in the category of Food for special dietary uses. He ended his talk by giving brief information on the challenges towards the Nutraceutical Regulation Draft Amendment Proposes Restrictions on FSDU Products Advertisement, Nutrients Tolerances, and Nutrient Allowance.

The presentations by the speakers were followed by a panel discussion

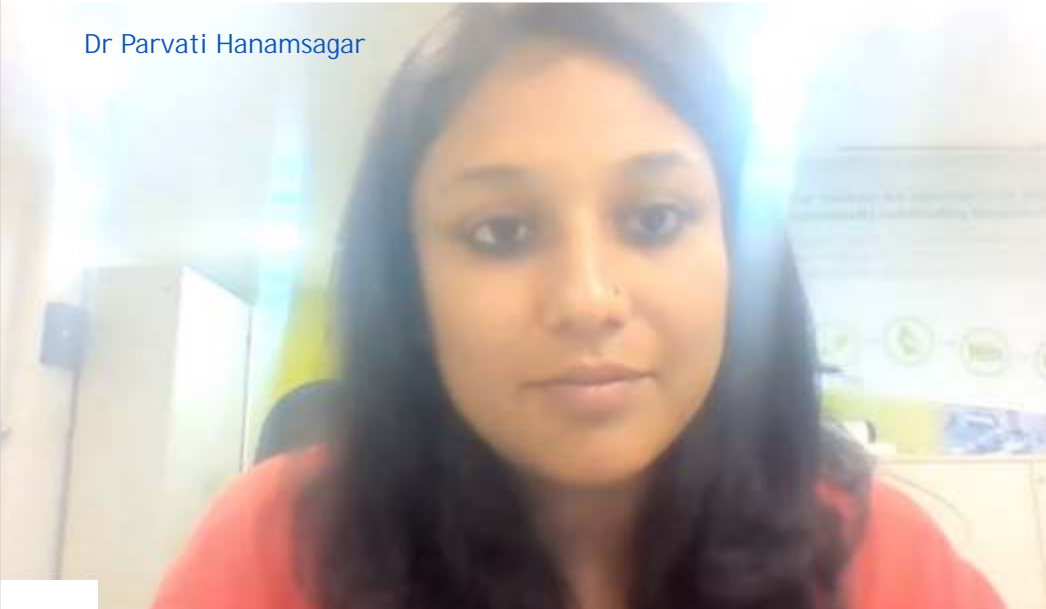


conducted by Dr Jasvir Singh on Various Regulation Amendments. The panelists for the session were Ms Meenu Yadav, Mr Kiran Desai, and Dr Parvati Hanamsagar. There were few questions taken by the moderator for the panel on different aspects such as

- Nutraceutical & Health Supplements – Difference between FSDU & FSMP, Why FSDU is not allowed to advertise.
- Infant Regulations- Benefits of Medium-chain triglycerides, Use of fish oil as DHA source, under what conditions are Food for Special Medical Purpose intended for Infants, Ingredients allowed in the hypoallergenic formula.
- Blended Oils- Difference between Blending & Admixture, blending of mustard oil, what is Multi sourced Edible oil.

The webinar ended with a vote of thanks to all the Honourable Speakers, panellists and the delegates by Ms Anuja Padte

Dr Parvati Hanamsagar



Mr. Kiran Desai



Dr Jagadish Pai



Frequent changes of regulations & ambiguity in clauses

hurriedly brings regulations for which industries faces huge problems.
 In certain cases, feedback given by industry at draft stage are not considered before final notification.
 The comparison table (year wise) for font size (mm) of blended edible oil:

	2016		2021	
	BLENDED EDIBLE VEGETABLE OIL	Name and Nature of edible vegetable oil.....% by weight	MULTI-SOURCED EDIBLE VEGETABLE OIL	Name and Nature of edible vegetable oil.....% by weight
Less than 1 litre	3	2	5	3
1 to 5 Litre	4	2.5	5	3
More than 5 litre	10	3	10	Not clear

times of changes in last five years. Involves cost and time and effort to comply. Laminate wastage.
 Example: One artwork needs 8 cylinder change costing 1.6 Lakh per SKUs.

Ambiguity on font size of Name and Nature of edible vegetable oil.....% by for 5 litre and above.
 In March, 2021, it is "Multi Source Edible Vegetable Oil" & previously it was "Multi Sourced Edible vegetable oil". Spelling mistake?



Ms Arti Gupta



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