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Report Highlights:

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health extended the implementation effective date of the Food (Color Coding for Sugar Levels-Liquids) Regulations (2022) from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025. The Sri Lankan government notified the extension in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on December 27, 2023. The current Food (Color Coding for Sugar Levels) Regulations (2016) are in place until January 01, 2025, allowing additional time for industry to comply with the new regulations (2022).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health has extended the implementation effective date of the Food (Color Coding for Sugar Levels-Liquids) Regulations (2022) from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025. The Sri Lankan government notified the extension in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on December 27, 2023. The current Food (Color Coding for Sugar Levels) Regulations (2016) are in place until January 01, 2025, allowing additional time for industry to comply with the new regulations (2022).

Background:

Labeling of Sugar Levels in Liquids – The Current 2016 Regulations: The [Food \(Color Coding for Sugar Levels\) Regulations \(2016\)](#) regulate the labeling of the sugar level in liquid food effective August 1, 2016. Packed liquid foods, which contain sugar, are required to be labeled and must specify: the numerical description of the sugar content, include a description of the relative sugar level, and the color codes as per the regulations.

Labeling of Sugar Levels in Liquids – The New 2022 Regulations: The Sri Lankan Ministry of Health notified on February 14, 2023, the [Food \(Color Coding for Sugar Levels - Liquid\) Regulations \(2022\)](#), requiring to color code sugar levels in liquid food. As per the new regulations, for pre-packaged imported products, a supplementary label may be affixed on the container or the package. The new regulations modify the sugar content values for each code, adding color codes in red, amber, and green. The sugar content must be displayed in bold white within the logo in the Sinhala, Tamil and English languages (see, [GAIN-SRI LANKA | CE2023-0014 | Sri Lanka Enacts New Legislation to Color Code Sugar Levels for Liquid Food](#) and attachments).

APPENDIX I – SRI LANKA, AMENDED FOOD (COLOR CODING FOR SUGAR LEVELS-LIQUIDS) REGULATIONS (2022)



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Government Notifications

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FOOD ACT, No. 26 OF 1980

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health, in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980.

Dr. RAMESH PATHIRANA,
Minister of Health.

Colombo,
27th December, 2023.

Regulations

The Food (Colour Coding for sugar levels-liquid) Regulations 2022, published in *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 2319/42 of February 14, 2023 is hereby amended by the repeal of regulation 1 thereof, and the substitution therefor, of the following regulation:-

- “1. These regulations may be cited as the Food (Colour Coding for sugar levels-liquid) Regulations 2022 and shall come into operation on January 01, 2025.”.

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Attachments:

[Food \(Color Coding for Sugar Levels-Liquids\) Regulations 2022-Amendment.pdf](#)

[Food \(Colour Coding for sugar levels - liquid\) Regulations 2022.pdf](#)

[Food \(Colour Coding for Sugar levels\) Regulations 2016.pdf](#)

[Sri Lanka Enacts New Legislation to Color Code Sugar Levels for Liquid Food Colombo Sri Lanka CE2023-0.pdf](#)