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Report Name: Brazil Sets New Trans-Fat Guidelines for Food Products

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Report Highlights:

On June 9, 2021, the Federal Gazette (DOU) published Resolution RDC/Anvisa #541/2021, which modifies Resolution RDC/Anvisa #332/2019 that defines requirements for the usage of industrial trans-fat in foods. The new regulation will impact imports of consumer-oriented products into Brazil.

The new regulation on trans-fat, Resolution RDC/Anvisa #541/2021, published on the Federal Gazette (DOU) on June 9, 2021, will impact imports of food products into Brazil due to the maximum limits established for trans-fat and the compliance period imposed by the government. From July 1, 2021, the Brazilian government will only allow imports of refined oils that contain trans-fat equal to or below 2g/100g of total fat. From July 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, consumer-oriented products and products intended to be sold through foodservice operators must have trans-fat equal to or below 2g/100g of total fat. This demand is not applied to foods used by the food processing industry. For such foods it will be allowed usage of trans-fat above 2g/100g of total fat if the products' label or the documents that accompany the products list the following information:

- The quantity of trans-fat per:
 - .100g of product
 - .100g of total fat
- The presence of oils or fats partially hydrogenated

This information will allow the food processing industry to use ingredients accordingly and therefore not exceed the limit of 2g of trans-fat per 100g of total fat in the final product.

From January 1, 2023, it will be prohibited imports of products that contain partially hydrogenated oils and fats and imports of partially hydrogenated oils and fats to be used in food manufacturing - for human consumption - regardless, its origin, production date or usage.

Cookies, margarine, frozen food, instant pasta, chocolates, ice cream, popcorns are examples of products that can be affected by the new regulation. It will be critical to check the quantity of trans fat/100g of total fat prior to importing food products into Brazil.

According to the regulation, refined oils manufactured until June 30, 2021, with trans-fat content greater than 2g/100g of total fat may be sold until their expiration date. Food intended to be sold to final consumers or through food service operators, produced with an amount of trans-fat greater than 2g/100g of total fats, may be sold until their expiration date, but not exceed December 31, 2022, since as of January 01, 2023, partially hydrogenated fats and oils and foods made with partially hydrogenated fats and oils will be prohibited to be marketed for human consumption in Brazil.

Attachments:

No Attachments.