

The Vanaspati Manufacturers' Association of India

(Representing Indian Vanaspati & Refined Oil Industries)

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Shri Pawan Agarwal
Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
FDA Bhawan
New Delhi

Respected Sir,

**Subject: Submission of Road Map for Trans Fatty Acid (TFA)
Reduction in Vanaspati and allied Products**

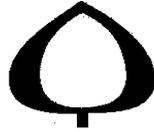
This has reference to the meeting held on 29th June 2018, at FDA Bhawan, New Delhi chaired by Shri Pawan Agarwal, CEO FSSAI.

During the course of meeting it was discussed and agreed upon that the Industry Associations will submit a Road Map to bring down the TFA level less than 2% by 2022.

Accordingly, we are submitting herewith a Road Map containing details of various processes for improvement to achieve the level of 2% of TFA by 2022.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully

S Gurumoorthi
Executive Secretary



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Road Map for Trans Fat Reduction

- ❖ We will make all-out efforts to stick to the schedule of implementation of the decision of FSSAI to bring down the TFA level to less than 2% within the next four years i.e. by 2022.
- ❖ As you are aware, all members are not adequately equipped well and they have to upgrade their technological skills. Hence, we are committed to progressively reduce the TFA level so as to achieve the level of 2% within the targeted period.
- ❖ With the continuous improvements in process technology and upgradation, development and use of technologies like interesterification, blending of different natural saturated and unsaturated fractions etc. we will produce vanaspati and allied products with less than 2% TFA.
- ❖ We ourselves feel responsible for producing and supplying healthier products to the consumers by way of reducing the level of trans fat from the existing 5% to 2% by 2022.

- ❖ As highlighted during our meeting, in order to achieve similar oxidative stability and shelf life, industry may have to opt for more natural saturated oils and fully hydrogenated oils and blending their of with other unsaturated oils to get both desired consistency, solid fat content profile to meet both functional performance as well as bring down the TFA levels below 2 % , there can be an increase in overall saturate levels expected in the final Vanaspati/ Interesterified vegetable fat products but anyway Saturated fat are known to be still less harmful than Trans fatty acids.

Thus with overall upgradation of technology and processing techniques Industry is committed to meet these challenges and ensure production and supply of more healthier products and making India a more healthy country.
