



Legal Watch

FDA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-011



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* Agency Name

Food and Drug Administration
(FDA)

* Issuance Title

Revised Guidelines on the
Adoption of Codex General
Standard for Food Additives
(GSFA) and Processing Aids,
Repealing Administrative Order
88-A s. 1984

* Issuance Date

2 July 2026

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<https://www.fda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Administrative-Order-2026-0011-1.pdf>

SUMMARY

This Administrative Order (AO) repealed AO No. 1984-88-A*, and updated the Philippine regulatory framework on food additives and processing aids by adopting the latest version of the GSFA Codex.

* Entitled as the “Regulatory Guidelines Concerning Food Additives”.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

1. All stakeholders shall comply with the requirements of GSFA, otherwise, violation thereof may result into disapproval of application and suspension or cancellation of Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) or Authorization.
2. All food business operators (FBOs) shall secure a CPR before engaging in sale, offer for sale, importation, and distribution of food additives.
3. All stakeholders shall follow the prescribed transition period:
 - a. Those granted CPR expiring within five (5) years from effectivity of this Order shall file initial applications complying with this Order after the expiration of the original registration.
 - b. Those affected processed food products with a remaining CPR validity of three (3) years and below after the effectivity of this AO shall be granted a maximum of three (3) years of validity period upon renewal to give ample time for reformulation, after which, initial application shall be filed; and
 - c. In cases where there are still existing stocks of labels on the current CPR and stocks may be still be available by the time of the filing of the new CPR and its approval, exhaustion may be allowed within a maximum period of six (6) months. Thereafter, the inventory on the exhaustion of stocks and period utilized shall be submitted to the FDA.

