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Draft Amendment on Naturally Occurring Toxic Substances

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published updated draft regulations regarding naturally occurring toxic substances (NOTS) in some foods and beverages. The GOI is also seeking public comments for these regulations. The deadline for public comments is March 18, 2015.

Executive Summary:

FSSAI recently published [Draft Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Amendment Regulations, 2014](#), which primarily cites updated maximum limits for NOTS. To date, these draft regulations have not been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO). However, FSSAI is seeking public comments from interested stakeholders through March 18, 2015.

General Information:

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The updated NOTS regulation supersedes the NOTS maximum limits established under 2.2.1 of the [Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Regulations, 2011](#). The updated document also includes a new table with an additional column which specifies affected food items. This table is included below.

Comments in the format pasted below should be sent to:

Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi – 110002
Email: regulation@fssai.gov.in

FSSAI's notification is attached at the end of this report and is also available on FSSAI's website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th December, 2014

F.No. P.15025/264/13-PA/FSSAI.—The following draft of certain regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, which the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, with the previous approval of the Central Government, proposes to make, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (i) of sub-section (2) of Section 92 read with section 20 and 21 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required by sub-section (1) of the said Section 92, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of the period of thirty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published are made available to the public;

Objections or suggestion, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002;

The objections and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulation before the expiry of the period so specified, will be considered by the Food Authority.

Draft regulations

- 1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.2 relating to 'Crop Contaminants and naturally occurring toxic substances', -
- (a) in sub-regulation 2.2.1, for clause (2) and the entries there under, the following shall be substituted, namely:-
- "2. Naturally occurring toxic substances:

TABLE

Sl.No	Name of naturally occurring toxic substances (NOTS)	Article of food	Maximum limits (ppm)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Agaric acid	Food containing mushrooms	100
		Alcoholic beverages	100
2	Hydrocyanic acid	Nougat, marzipan or its substitutes or similar products	5
		Canned stone fruits	5
		Alcoholic beverages	5
		Confectionery	5
		Stone fruit juices	5
3	Hypericine	Alcoholic beverages	1
4	Saffrole	Meat preparations and meat products, including poultry and game	10
		Fish preparations and fish products	10
		Soups and sauces	10
		Non-alcoholic beverages	10
		Food containing mace and nutmeg	10
		Alcoholic beverages	10".

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[ADVT III/4/Exty./187-O/14/2]

Note. - The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary *vide* notification number F. No. 2-15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2011 and these have not been amended so far.

Subject: Draft Food Safety and Standard (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 related to limits of NOTS (Naturally occurring toxins) in various articles of foods.

FORMAT FOR SENDING THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Sr. No.	Name and Address of the organisation/person, contact number and E-mail	Relevant section in the draft notification on which comments are being provided	Comments/suggestion	Rationale	Remarks

Date:

Place:

Name and signature