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Draft Amendment on the Use of Lecithin as Food Additives

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Regulations, 2011](#), to allow the use of lecithin as a food additive.

Executive Summary:

FSSAI published Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations to allow the use of lecithin as a food additive in biscuits (cookies). The GOI has notified these changes to the World Trade Organization (WTO), and on April 16, 2015, the draft regulations were published on WTO's website (Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/100). FSSAI is currently accepting public comments regarding this amendment through June 15, 2015.

General Information:

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

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Final details on the draft regulations:

Publication Date on the FSSAI website: February 5, 2015
Date of Implementation: To be determined
WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/100
WTO Notification Date: April 16, 2015
Final date for comments: June 15, 2015
Products affected: Biscuits (cookies)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th December, 2014

F. No P. 15025/261/2013-PA/FSSAI.—The following draft of certain regulation further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) 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 sub-section (1) and clause (e) of sub-section (2) of Section 92 read with Section 16 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required by the sub-section (1) of Section 92 of the said Act 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 regulations before the expiry of the period so specified, will be considered by the Food Authority.

Draft Regulations

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2014.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their final notification in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in Appendix A, relating to “list of food additives”, in Table 1 relating to List of food Additives for use in bread and biscuits, in serial number B, against item 7, relating to column 4, for the symbol “-”, the letters “GMP” shall be substituted.

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

Note : The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 *vide* notification number F. No. 2-15015/30/2010 dated the 1st August, 2010 and subsequently amended *vide* notification numbers and last amended by notification *vide* number F. No. 5/15015/30/2012, dated the 12th July, 2013:

- (i) F. No. 4/15015/30/2011, dated the 7th June, 2013.
- (ii) F. No. P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated the 27th June, 2013
- (iii) F. No. 5/15015/30/2012, dated the 12th July, 2013