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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published draft regulations for public comment, which primarily focus on modifying standards and regulations for edible salt. Comments are due by September 1, 2014.

Executive Summary:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published draft [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2014](#), which primarily focus on modifying standards and regulations for edible salt. Although the draft amendment has not been notified to the WTO, interested parties can submit comments and/or suggestions to FSSAI until September 1, 2014.

General Information:

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Introduction:

On June 26, 2014, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published draft [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2014](#), which primarily focus on modifying standards and regulations for edible salt. Some changes include adding provisions on food additives and fortifying ingredients. Although the draft amendment has not been notified to the WTO, interested parties may submit comments and/or suggestions to FSSAI until September 1, 2014.

Comments and/or suggestions 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: regulationffs.fssai@gmail.com

The full text of the [Notification](#) is attached at the end of this report and can be accessed at on the FSSAI website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

A summary of the draft amendment is below:

- i. The words and figures “when ferrous sulphate is used for fortification; minimum 98 percent sodium chloride content on dry weight basis when ferrous fumarate in encapsulated form is used for fortification” have been added after the figures and words, “99.0 percent sodium chloride content on dry weight basis.”
- ii. In the table –
 - a. The entries against Phosphorous as P₂O₅ should be substituted by words “not more than 3100 parts per million.”
 - b. The entries against pH value in 5% aqueous solution should be substituted by figures “3.5 to 7.5.”
- iii. Proviso should now be read as “Provided that double fortified salt may contain food additives

permitted in Appendix A and Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose, Titanium dioxide, fully hydrogenated soybean oil and sodium hexametaphosphate (all food grades) at concentration of not more than GMP and anti-caking agent not more than 2.0 per cent on dry weight basis, and the water insoluble matter wherein anti-caking agent is used shall not exceed 2.2 percent.”

Type of Regulation: Draft

Government of India (GOI) Notification No.: No.P.15025/262/2013-PA/FSSAI

GOI Publication Date: June 2, 2014

- **FSSAI Website Publication Date:** June 26, 2014
- **Comments/suggestions Deadline:** September 1, 2014
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of June 26, 2014)

Products Affected: All food products

GOI Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 2nd June, 2014

F. No. P. 15025/262/2013-PA/FSSAI.—The following draft of certain regulations 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 previous approval of the Central Government, proposes to make, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 92 read with sub-section (2) of section 16 of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required under 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 suggestions, 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 specified above, shall be considered by the aforesaid 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 publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.9.30 relating to edible common salt, in sub regulation (5),—
 - a) after the figures and words, “99.0 percent sodium chloride content on dry weight basis”, the words and figures “when ferrous sulphate is used for fortification; minimum 98 per cent sodium chloride content on dry weight basis when ferrous fumarate in encapsulated form is used for fortification” shall be inserted;
 - b) In the table,-
 - (i) for the entries against Phosphorous as P₂O₅, the entries “not more than 3100 parts per million” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) for the entries against pH value in 5% aqueous solution, the entries “3.5 to 7.5” shall be substituted;

c) in the proviso, for the words and figures “Sodium Hexametaphosphate (food grade) as stabilizer at concentration of not more than 1.0 per cent on dry weight basis”, the words, letter and figures “food additives permitted in Appendix A and Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose, Titanium dioxide, fully Hydrogenated Soyabean oil and Sodium hexametaphosphate (all food grades) at concentration of not more than GMP and anti-caking agent not more than 2.0 per cent on dry weight basis, and the water insoluble matter wherein anti-caking agent is used shall not exceed 2.2 percent” shall be substituted.

D. K. SAMANTARAY, Chief Executive Officer

[ADVT-III/4/Exty./191F/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 1st August, 2010 and subsequently amended vide notification numbers:

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