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FSSAI - Draft Notification on Standards for Milk and Dairy Products

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FAIRS Subject Report

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India published two notices concerning Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2015 and Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition & Restriction on Sale) Amendment Regulation, 2015 for comment. Although not notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the notices mention that suggestions and comments will be accepted until January 3, 2016 for WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Committee members and December 20, 2015 for other stakeholders.

General Information:

Disclaimer: The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Government of India (GOI) and World Trade Organization (WTO) websites: <http://dahd.nic.in/dahd/trade.aspx> and www.wto.org. The Office of Agricultural Affairs and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity. The summary below is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and, therefore, should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive interpretation of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural trade interests.

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published two notices concerning Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2015 and Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition & Restriction on Sale) Amendment Regulation, 2015 for comment. Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2015 modifies text and/or provides new or revised definitions and standards for milk and dairy products in regulation 1.2 and 2.1 of the Food Safety and Standards ((Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. Products that are affected include milk, flavored milk, evaporated or concentrated milk, sweetened condensed milk, *khoya*, cream and *malai*, milk fats including anhydrous milk fat, anhydrous butter oil, butter oil and *ghee*, butter, milk powder and cream powder, dairy whitener, whey powder, fermented milk products, ice-cream, *kulfi*, chocolate ice cream, softy ice cream, milk ice or milk lolly, dried ice cream mix, frozen dessert or confections, *chhana* and *paneer*, cheese and cheese products, and edible casein products. The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition & Restriction on Sale) Amendment Regulation, 2015 modifies regulation 2.1.1 (1) of Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sale) Regulations, 2011, which prohibits the sale of cream not prepared exclusively from milk or contains less than 20 percent milk fat (the existing regulation mentions 25 percent milk fat).

Although the GOI has not notified the draft standards to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the notices mention that suggestions and comments will be accepted until January 3, 2016 for WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Committee members and December 20, 2015 for other stakeholders.

The notice for WTO members can be accessed at: [Draft Regulations on Milk and Milk Products Standards](#) on the FSSAI website.

The notice for other stakeholders can be accessed at: [Draft Notification on Milk and Milk Products Standards](#) on the FSSAI website.

Final details on the Draft Notification:

Type of Regulation: Draft

GOI Publication Date: October 21, 2015 for other stakeholders; November 2, 2015 for WTO

members

Notification to WTO: Not notified to the WTO as of November 9, 2015

Final Date for Comments from GOI notice: December 20, 2015 for other stakeholders; January 3, 2016 for WTO members

Products Affected: Milk and Dairy Products

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, GOI

Comments or suggestions from WTO members should be emailed to baranip@yahoo.com

Comments or suggestions from stakeholders should be emailed in this [Format](#) (also pasted below) to:

The Chief Executive Officer

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road

New Delhi – 110 002

Email: regulation@fssai.gov.in

Subject: Subject: Notice calling for claims, suggestions, views, comments etc from stakeholders within a period of 60 days on the proposed standards for Milk and Milk Products.

FORMAT FOR SENDING THE COMMENTS/ 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/ suggestions	Rationale	Remarks

Date:

Place:

Name and Signature