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FSSAI Proposes Amendments in the Norms for Carbonated Drinks

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a draft amendment related to norms for carbonated fruit beverages or fruit drinks. The GOI will accept comments from the World Trade Organization (WTO) trading partners for 60 days beyond the notification date as listed on the WTO's website (www.wto.org).

General Information:

DISCLAIMER: The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India's (FSSAI) website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>. The Office of Agricultural Affairs and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

On June 21, 2016, FSSAI published a draft amendment regarding standards for carbonated fruit beverages or fruit drinks, on its website. The draft amendment was notified to the WTO member countries and comments invited. The comment period for trading partners expires 60 days from the date it is notified on WTO website (www.wto.org).

Background:

Prime Minister Modi, while inaugurating India's first integrated Food Park outside of Bangalore in September 2014, suggested that beverage companies should mix aerated drinks with 5 percent fruit juice as a means to help distressed farmers find a new market. Hence, to facilitate this initiative, FSSAI has published the draft amendment.

The revision proposed in the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Regulations, 2011](#), is given below.

- 1. F.No. Stds/SP(Water & Beverages)/Notif (2)/FSSAI-2016.-** In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.3, in sub-regulation 2.3.30, relating to Carbonated Fruit Beverages or Fruit Drinks, after clause 3, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“3A. In case the quantity of fruit juice is below 10.0 per cent. but not less than 5.0 per cent. (2.5 per cent. in case of lime or lemon), the product shall be called ‘carbonated beverage with fruit juice’ and in such cases the requirement of TSS (Total Soluble Solids) shall not apply and the quantity of fruit juice shall be declared on the label.”.

Comments, within 60 days from the date of notification in WTO website, should be sent to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
3rd Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi – 110002
Email: baranip@yahoo.com

Details of Draft Notification:

- Date of Publication on FSSAI website: June 21 2016
- Final date for comments from WTO members: 60 days from the date notified on WTO website

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

The full text of the [Draft Notification](#) can be accessed from the website of FSSAI at: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.