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India Amends Rules for Sweeteners and Additives

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Report Highlights:

On August 2, 2010, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare published a final gazette notification implementing additional labeling rules for packaged food products containing artificial sweeteners -Acesulfame Potassium and Sucralose. The gazette also establishes maximum limits for the use of Polyols, Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose, Anti-caking agents and Dimethyl carbonate.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes a final amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954, which relates to labeling of packaged food products containing artificial sweeteners and sets additional requirements for specific food additives permitted to be used in India.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural exports to India.

Type of Regulation: Final

Publication Date: August 2, 2010 in the Gazette of India

Notification to the WTO: Not notified (as of August 17, 2010)

Effective Date: On the date of final Indian official Gazette notification (August 2, 2010)

Products Affected: Various processed food items containing artificial sweeteners: Acesulfame Potassium and Sucralose, Polyols : Malitol/ Malitol syrup, and other food additives : Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose, Anti- caking agents and Dimethyl carbonate.

Agency in Charge: Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

For additional details: Please see the attached text.

The full text version of the PFA Act and Rules can be accessed from: [PFA Act and Rules, 1954](#)

Background:

On October 20, 2009, the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare published a draft Gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) and requested public comments within 60 days from the date of publication. The amendment was related to Food labeling and Additives for various processed food products (Reference GAIN report IN9144)

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“64.कक वासकों में एंटीकेकिंग कारक का उपयोग -- सिंथेटिक एमारफ़ोस सिलिकोन डायोक्साइड का उपयोग पाउडर सुवासक पदार्थों में अधिकतम दो प्रतिशत तक किया जा सकेगा।”।

7. उक्त नियमों में नियम, 72घ के पश्चात् निम्नलिखित नियम अंतःस्थापित किया जाएगा, अर्थात् :-

“72.ड डाइमिथाइल डाईकारबोनेट का उपयोग - डाइमिथाइल डाईकारबोनेट का उपयोग फल वाले पेय पदार्थों, तैयार चाय पेय पदार्थों, आइसोटोनिक/ खेल पेय पदार्थों और सुवासित जल में 200 मि.ग्रा./लीटर अंतिम उत्पाद में अधिकतम मेथोनोल तत्व के अधीन रहते हुए, 250 मि.ग्रा. /लीटर तक किया जा सकेगा।”।

[फा. सं. पी. 15014/8/2008-पीएच (एफ)]

विनीत चौधरी, संयुक्त सचिव

टिप्पण-मूल नियम भारत के राजपत्र, अधिसूचना संख्या का.नि.आ. 2106 तारीख 12 सितंबर, 1955 द्वारा प्रकाशित किया गया था और अंतिम संशोधन अधिसूचना संख्या सा.का.नि. 488 (अ) तारीख 9.6.2010 द्वारा किया गया।

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Department of Health and Family Welfare)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 2nd August 2010

G.S.R. 652(E).— Whereas certain draft rules further to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules 1955 were published, as required by sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (37 of 1954), in the Gazette of India, vide notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health and Family Welfare), number G. S. R. 761 (E), dated the 20th October, 2009, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby till the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification, were made available to the public;

And whereas, the copies of the said notification were made available to the public on 22nd October, 2009;

And whereas, objections and suggestions received from the public within the specified period on the said draft rules have been considered by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 23 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954(37 of 1954), the Central Government, after consultation with the Central Committee for Food Standards, hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Prevention of Food Adulteration (5th Amendment) Rules, 2010.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication.
2. In the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 42, after sub-rule (ZZZ)(12), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

“(ZZZ)(12A). Every package of food which is permitted to contain a mixture of Acesulfame Potassium and Sucralose sweeteners mentioned in the Table given in rule 47, shall carry the following label, namely:-

- (i) This.....(Name of Food) contains a mixture of Sucralose and Acesulfame Potassium;
- (ii) Not recommended for children;
- (iii) *(a) Quantity of sugar added.....gm/100 gm;
 *(b) No sugar added in the product;
 (*Strike out whichever is not applicable).”;

3. In the said rules,-

(a) in rule 47,-

- (i) in sub-rule(1), in the third proviso, for the words “six mg. per hundred mg. of tablet or granule”, the following words shall be substituted, namely:-

“six mg. per tablet or hundred mg. of granule.”;

- (ii) in sub-rule (2), after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided further that in carbonated water, the combination of Sucralose and Acesulfame Potassium may be used in ratio not to exceed proportionate levels of the permissible levels allowed for these individual artificial sweeteners in carbonated water under label declaration as provided in sub-rule (ZZZ) (12A) of rule 42.”;

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(b) in the Table relating to rule 47A of the said rules, after Sr. No. 2 and the entries relating thereto, the following Sr.No. and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

TABLE

Sr.No.	Name of Polyols	Article of Food	Maximum Limit
"3	Maltitol / Maltitol syrup	Bakery products, ice-cream, frozen desserts, jam, jellies and marmalades	GMP."x

4. in the said rules, in rule 61-AA,-

(i) the words "baked foods" and "snacks" shall be omitted;

(ii) the following proviso shall be inserted at the end, namely:-

"Provided that modified food starches (derivative starches) may be used in snacks, frozen potato products, baked foods and salad dressing / mayonnaise upto a maximum concentration of 5 percent by weight."

5. in the said rules, for rule 61-F, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"61-F. Use of Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose in various foods. – Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose may be used in the following food products not exceeding in maximum level mentioned in column 3 of the Table given below:-

TABLE

S.No.	Article of Food	Maximum Level
(1)	(2)	(3)
(i)	Non-dairy whip topping	2.0 percent
(ii)	Snacks, savories, luncheonmeat and poultry products, instant mixes such as idli mix, dosa mix, upma mix pongle mix, puliyogare mix, gulab jamun mix, jalebi mix, vada mix etc., salad dressing / mayonnaise, mixes for gravies, ice-cream, frozen desserts, puddings and custards	1.0 percent
(iii)	Mixes for dairy based drinks	0.5 percent."

6. in the said rules, after rule 64-A, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"64-AA. Use of anticaking agent in flavours.- Synthetic Amorphous Silicon Dioxide may be used in powder flavouring substances upto 2 percent maximum."

7. in the said rules, after rule 72-D, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"72-E. Use of Dimethyl Dicarbonate. – Dimethyl Dicarbonate may be used in fruit drinks, ready to drink tea beverages, isotonic/sports drinks and flavoured water upto 250 mg. / litre subject to maximum methanol content in final product as 200 mg./litre."

[F. No. P.15014/8/2008-PH (F)]
VINCEET CHOUDHARY, Jt. Secy.

Note: - The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India vide notification number S.R.O. 2106 dated the 12th September, 1955 and were lastly amended vide notification G.S.R. number 488(E) dated 09.06.2010.