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WTO Notified Draft Amendment on Naturally Occurring Toxic Substances

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Report Highlights:

On April 16, 2015, the World Trade Organization (WTO) published on its website draft regulations related to naturally occurring toxic substances (NOTS) in some food and beverage products. A comment period was also notified, with a deadline of June 15, 2015.

General Information:

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The GOI's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published updated draft regulations regarding maximum limits for NOTS in some foods and beverages. On April 16, 2015, these draft regulations were published on the WTO's website for comment (WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/101). The deadline provided for comments is June 15, 2015.

Comments should be sent to:

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For more details, please refer to: [Draft Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Amendment Regulations, 2014](#) (available online at: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/> or on the [WTO](#) website.

Final details on the draft regulations:

Publication date on the FSSAI website: February 17, 2015

Date of Implementation: To be determined

WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/101

WTO Notification Date: April 16, 2015

Final date for comments: June 15, 2015

Products affected: Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, confectionary items, meat preparation, and meat products, fish preparation, and fish products, soups and sauces, foods containing mace and nutmeg, stone fruit juices, canned stone fruits, food containing mushrooms.