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## India

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### **WTO Notified Draft Amendments on Pharmacologically Active Substances**

**Report Categories:**

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 4, 2016, India notified its draft regulation related to residue levels for pharmacologically active substances to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The comment period for trading partners expires on March 4, 2016.

**General Information:**

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On November 23, 2015, GOI's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Regulations, 2011](#). The amendment relates to the residue levels for pharmacologically active substances and the major highlights are given below. On January 4, 2016, the amended draft regulation was notified to the WTO. The comment period for trading partners expires on March 4, 2016.

**Major Highlights:**

1. 2.3.1: Insecticide Residues on Agricultural Commodities and Resultant Processed Food
  - a. The amendment explains in sub-regulation 2.3.1., the maximum residues limits (MRLs) for insecticides and the procedure to be followed in case MRLs are not fixed under the Regulation. The default tolerance limit set is 0.01\*mg/kg\*\*.
  - b. There is an updated list in sub-regulation 2.3.2 on the restrictions in the use of pesticides.

The entire text of the [Draft Amendment](#) can be accessed on FSSAI's website at: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

Comments should be sent to:

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**Type of Regulation:** Draft

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Date of Implementation: To be determined

WTO Notification Number: SPS/N/IND/121

WTO Notification Date: January 4, 2016

Final date for comments: March 4, 2016

**Products Affected:** Food grains, fruits and vegetables, milk and milk products, poultry and poultry products, carbonated water, sugarcane, spices, cotton and products, oilseed and products,

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