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WTO Notified Draft Standards for Fortified Milk and Edible Lactose

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India (GOI) notified its Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016, regarding standards for fortified milk and edible lactose to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The comment period deadline for trading partners is May 15, 2016.

General Information:

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The GOI notified Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016 to the WTO for comments. The draft regulation defines the standards for fortified milk and edible lactose. The deadline for comments from trading partners is May 15, 2016.

The draft regulation for WTO SPS committee members can be accessed at [Draft Regulations on Standards for Fortified Milk and Edible Lactose](#) on the FSSAI website or the [WTO](#) website.

Comments should be sent to:

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Final details on the draft regulation:

Type of Regulation: Draft

Publication date on the FSSAI website: March 2, 2016

Date of Implementation: To be determined

WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/132

WTO Notification Date: March 16, 2016

Final Date for Comments: May 15, 2016

Products Affected: Fortified Milk and Edible Lactose

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

Notice Calling for suggestions, views, comments etc from WTO-SPS Committee members within a period of 60 days on the draft notification related to Standards for fortified milk and edible lactose.

(1). Fortification of Toned, Double toned and Skim Milk

Fortified milk means the product obtained by adding one or both of the following nutrients to toned, double toned, and skim milk. It shall be called toned/double toned/skim milk fortified milk.

Nutrients	Level of nutrient per litre of toned/double toned/skim milk	Source of nutrient
Vitamin A	630-714 IU	Retinyl acetate, Retinyl palmitate and Retinyl propionate
Vitamin D	450-510 IU	Cholecalciferol, Ergocalciferol

(2). Edible Lactose:

1. Description

Lactose is a white to light yellow crystalline, slightly sweet disaccharide sugar found in milk .

2. Essential Composition and Quality Factors

2.1 Raw Materials

Whey

2.2 Composition

Sl. No.	Parameters	Limits
1.	Total moisture (%)by weight, max	6
2.	Lactose (%)by weight , min	98
3.	Sulphated ash (%)by weight, max	0.3
4.	pH (10% solution)	4.5-7.0
5.	Scorched particle	Disc B

3. Food Additives

3.1 Only those additives classes indicated in the table below may be used for the product categories specified.

Additive (Functional Class)	Edible Lactose
Anti-caking Agents	✓

✓ The use of additives belonging to the class is technologically justified.

3.2 Within the additive class permitted according to the Table, only those additives permitted as per Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives), Regulations, 2011 shall be used.

4. Contaminants

The product shall comply with the limits stipulated under the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues), Regulations, 2011.

5. Hygiene

5.1 The product shall be prepared and handled in accordance with the guidance provided in the Schedule 4, Part II & III of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 and any other such guidance provided from time to time under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006.

5.2 The product shall conform to the microbiological requirements given in of Appendix B of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011.

6. Labelling

The provisions laid down under Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011, shall apply.”