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Report Highlights:

On September 8, 2015, India notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) a draft regulation which establishes metal contaminant limits for a broader category of food products. The deadline to provide comments is November 7, 2015.

General Information:

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The GOI's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Regulations, 2011](#), which included the addition of a new draft regulation (Regulation 2.1) which establishes permissible limits for metal contaminants, including lead, arsenic, tin, cadmium, chromium, and mercury in various food product categories. On September 8, 2015, India notified this draft regulation to the WTO for comment (WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/112). The deadline to provide comments is November 7, 2015.

For more details on the draft regulation, please refer to GAIN report [IN5082](#). The full text of the notification is available online at <http://www.fssai.gov.in/> or on the [WTO](#) website.

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Final details on the draft regulation:

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