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### **WTO Notified- Draft Amendments on Standards and Labeling Regulations**

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**Report Highlights:**

On February 20, 2015, the World Trade Organization (WTO) published on its website draft regulations which update Indian standards and labeling requirements for dairy products, analogues of infant nutrition, and artificial sweeteners. The WTO is currently accepting public comments for these draft regulations and has cited April 17, 2015, as the deadline.

## General Information:

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The GOI's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) recently published updated draft regulations regarding limits of isomaltulose, high-fiber dextrin, arachidonic acid (ARA), and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) in various infant food products. The updated draft also mandatory infant food labeling requirements, as well as mandates that infant food products cannot be sourced from genetically engineered materials. On February 20, 2015, these draft regulations were published on the WTO website for comment (WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/96). The deadline for final comments is April 17, 2015.

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For more details, please refer to: [Draft Food Product Standards cum Packaging and Labeling \(Amendment\) Regulations, 2015](#) (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 6, 2015
- Date of Implementation: To be determined
- WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/96
- WTO Notification Date: February 16, 2015
- Final date for comments: April 17, 2015
- Products Affected: All food products that have Isomaltulose, high fiber dextrin, ARA and DHA
- Agency in Charge: Government of India, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India