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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a notification to invite comments from World Trade Organization (WTO) member countries on its new draft standards for complementary foods for toddlers and young children. The comment period for trading partners expires 60 days beyond the notification date as listed on the WTO's website (www.wto.org).

General Information:

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On January 16, 2017, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a notification to include new draft standards for complementary foods for toddlers (specifically ages 18 to 24 months) and young children (specifically ages 24 months to five years). FSSAI invited WTO member countries to comment on this notification. The comment period for trading partners expires 60 days from the date it is notified on WTO website (www.wto.org).

The notification not only provides the description for complementary foods, but also provides a detailed explanation on the standards for basic raw materials, essential ingredients, and additives allowed during the preparation of such foods. It clearly specifies that the product shall conform to the limits of contaminants as specified in the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011. The norms for packaging and labeling of such food products are also mentioned in the notification. The full text of the notification is available on FSSAI's website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

Comments within the prescribed 60-day comment period from the date of notification in WTO website should be sent to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
3rd Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi – 110002
Email: spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in

Details of Notification:

- Date of Publication on FSSAI website: January 16, 2017
- Final date for comments from WTO members: 60 days from the date notified on WTO website

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.