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Comments Invited for Amendments in Legal Metrology Rules

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Report Highlights:

On December 19, 2016, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution invited stakeholder comments on draft amendments on the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. The comments are invited until January 17, 2017, on the draft regulations.

General Information:

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On December 19, 2016, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution invited stakeholder comments regarding its Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodity) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2016, which are scheduled to come into force as of July 1, 2017. Comments should be submitted to the following by January 17, 2017:

Director (Legal Metrology),
Department of Consumer Affairs,
Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi-01, India
Email: dirwm-ca@nic.in

Details of Notification:

- Date of Publication on Ministry of Consumer Welfare's website: December 19, 2016
- Primary suggested Amendments to Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodity) Rules, 2011, pertaining to food and agricultural trade:
 - Most food labeling requirements of the Office of Legal Metrology are superseded by FSSAI's regulations: In respect of packaged containing food articles, the provisions of this clause shall not apply, and instead, the requirement of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, (24 of 2006) and the rules made there under shall apply,
 - Also the draft amendment mentions that all the mandatory declarations required under these rules shall be applicable on all types of retail sale of packaged commodities made online or through e-commerce,
 - Proposed amendment defines the area of principal display panel and the font size requirement for each size specified in the regulations.
- Final date for comments from stakeholders: January 17, 2017

Agency in Charge: Department of Consumer Affairs, Legal Metrology Division, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, GOI

The full text of the Amendments in Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodity Rules), 2011, can be accessed on Ministry of Consumer Welfare's website:

<http://consumeraffairs.nic.in/writereaddata/DraftRulePCR.pdf>