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India Invites WTO Member Comments on Nonalcoholic Beverage Standards

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Report Highlights:

Government of India's Food Safety and Standard Authority of India's (FSSAI) invited comments on its draft notification on nonalcoholic and carbonated beverages. The comment period for trading partners will expire 60 days after the notification is published on the WTO's website (<u>www.wto.org</u>).

General Information:

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On February 3, 2017, FSSAI published a notification inviting comments from WTO member countries regarding new standards pertaining to sugar in nonalcoholic and carbonated beverages. The comment period will expire 60 days following the notification's publication on the WTO's website (www.wto.org).

For details please refer to the notification pasted at the end of this report. The notification is also available on the website of FSSAI at <u>www.fssai.gov.in/.</u>

Comments provided within 60 days following the date of notification on the WTO's 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: February 3, 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.

Products affected: Nonalcoholic beverages and carbonated beverages.

Notice Calling for suggestions, views, comments etc from WTO- TBT Committee members within a period of 60 days on the draft notification related to omission of provision from 2.10.6(1) Beverages Non –Alcoholic-Carbonated, for declaration of added sugar.

F.No.1-94(1)/ FSSAl / SP(Labelling) / 2014. - in the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 in regulation 2.10 –

a) for sub-regulation 2.10.6 relating to "Beverages Non-Alcoholic-Carbonated", in clause 1 relating to "Carbonated Water" the following paragraph shall be omitted, namely.-

"Provided that the quantity of added sugar shall be declared on the container /bottle and if no sugar is added that also shall be declared on the container/bottle as laid down in labelling Regulations 2.4.5 (24, 25, 26, 28 and 29) of Food Safety and Standards Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011.

In case of returnable bottles, which are recycled or refilling the declaration of quantity of added sugar and no sugar added may be given on the crown."