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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has proposed new amendments in its Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011. The amendments relate to the labeling of multi-sourced edible vegetable oils. The draft regulation invites comments from World Trade Organization (WTO) member countries, and the comment period expires 60-days after the notification is published on the WTO website (www.wto.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER: The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>. The FAS New Delhi - Office of Agricultural Affairs, USDA and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

On November 18, 2020, the Government of India's (GOI) FSSAI notified draft amendments to the [Food Safety and Standards \(Packaging and Labeling\) Regulations, 2011](#) on its website. The amendments relate to the chapter "Labeling" and specify new requirements and the manner for labeling for multi-sourced edible vegetable oils. The draft regulation invites comments from World Trade Organization (WTO) member countries, and the comment period expires 60-days after the notification is published on the WTO website (www.wto.org). The proposed amendments are featured below.

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011 (herein after refer as said regulations), -

(1) In regulation 2.4, in sub-regulation 2.4.2,

(a) in clause 4, after the sub-clause (b), the following shall be inserted, namely: -

"In case rice bran oil which is physically refined is used as one of the ingredients in Vanaspati, it shall be declared in the ingredient list on the label as 'Physically Refined Rice Bran Oil'".

(b) for clause 11, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"11. Every package containing an admixture of edible oils shall carry the following label declaration in bold capital letter immediately below its brand name/trade name on the front of pack, namely:-

"MULTI-SOURCED EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS"

(Name and nature* of edible vegetable oil)% by weight
(Name and nature* of edible vegetable oil).....% by weight

(*i.e. in raw or refined form)

For pack size less than one litre, the font size of the label declaration **"MULTI-SOURCED EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS"**, shall not be less than 3 mm with the length of declaration statement as 35 mm minimum and for label declaration "Name and Nature of edible vegetable oil.....% by weight", font size shall not be less than 2 mm.

For pack size one litre to below 5 litre, the font size of the label declaration **"MULTI-SOURCED EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS"** shall not be less than 4 mm with the length of declaration statement as 45 mm minimum and for label declaration "Name and Nature of edible vegetable oil.....% by weight" font size shall not be less than 2.5 mm.

For pack size five litre and above, the font size of the label declaration **"MULTI-SOURCED EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS"** shall not be less than 10 mm and for label declaration "Name and Nature of edible vegetable oil.....% by weight" font size shall not be less than 3 mm.

There shall also be the following declaration in bold capital letters along with the name of product on front of pack,-

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The full text of the FSSAI's proposed amendments is available on FSSAI's website located at:
https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft_Notification_Vegetable_Oil_18_11_2020.pdf

Comments within 60-days from the date notified on the World Trade Organization (WTO) website should be sent to:

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

Attachments:

No Attachments.