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New Regulation for Nutraceutical - Functional - Novel Foods etc.

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published <u>new draft regulations</u> for food or health supplements, nutraceuticals, foods for special dietary uses, foods for special medical purpose, functional foods and novel food. The GOI is currently seeking comments from the World Trade Organization (WTO) – Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) member countries. The deadline for the comments is September 23, 2015.

General Information:

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On July 23, 2015, FSSAI published <u>new draft regulations</u> pertaining to health supplements, nutraceuticals, special dietary and medical purpose foods, functional and novel foods. The GOI is seeking comments from the WTO-SPS member countries and the deadline for comments is September 23, 2015.

A separate report will follow on the detailed analysis of the new regulation.

Comments/suggestions should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Food and Drug Administration Bhawan Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110 002 Email: <u>baranip@yahoo.com</u>

The full text of the regulation can be accessed from http://www.fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Draft_Regulation_on_Nutraceuticals_WTO_23_07_2015.pdf

Type of Regulation: Draft

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** July 23, 2015
- Notification to the WTO: July 24, 2015 (as informed by FSSAI)
- Final Date for Comments: September 23, 2015
- Effective Date: From the ensuing January 1 or July 1 of the year, as the case may be, subject to a minimum of 180 days from the date of final notification of these regulations in the Official Gazette.

Products Affected: Food or health supplements, nutraceuticals, foods for special dietary uses, foods for special medical purpose, functional foods, and novel food.

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