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Report Highlights:

The GOA Ministry of Production revoked the requirement for pre-approval of labels for food and beverages by the Secretariat of Commerce. The label approval requirement was put in place on October 14, 2015, and was in addition to the technical approval by ANMAT (the equivalent of FDA). Labels will continue to receive ANMAT approval.

General Information:

Labeling Requirements:

On January 28, 2016, the Secretariat of Commerce in Argentina's Ministry of Production published Official Resolution 6/2016 to revoke the Label Supervision System that was established on October 14, 2015 by Official Resolution 420/2015. The Label Supervision System required label approval by the Office of Commercial Fairness, in addition to the initial approval by ANMAT (*Administración Nacional de Medicamentos, Alimentos y Tecnología Médica*), and was generally viewed as a potential obstacle to imports.

Approval of labels for food, beverage, cosmetic, and personal care products, and household cleaning products will now only be done by ANMAT, which is the government technical agency that has historically been in charge of label approval and is the local counterpart of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. For food and beverage products, INAL (*Instituto Nacional de Alimentos*, within ANMAT) is responsible for the approval of labels.

For additional information, refer to:

GAIN Report on the label approval process that has been revoked: "Argentina - New Labeling Regulation"
Official Resolution 6/2016 <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/#!DetalleNorma/140544/20160128>