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# **Draft Amendment on Food Additives Regulations for Pullulan**

# **Report Categories:**

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# **Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published draft regulations for public comments on the inclusion of Pullulan as a food additive in the Food Standards and Additives Regulation, 2011. Comments are due by February 8, 2015.

# **Executive Summary:**

FSSAI published its draft <u>Food Safety and Standards</u> (<u>Food Products Standards and Food Additives</u>) <u>Amendment Regulations</u>, <u>2014</u>, for the inclusion of Pullulan as a food additive. Although the draft amendment has not been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO), FSSAI will accept comments from interested stakeholders through February 8, 2015.

#### **General Information:**

**DISCLAIMER:** The information contained in this report was retrieved from FSSAI's website <a href="http://www.fssai.gov.in/">http://www.fssai.gov.in/</a>. The U.S. Government makes no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

#### **Introduction**:

On December 8, 2014, FSSAI published its draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2014 for the inclusion of Pullulan as a food additive. Pullulan has been added to the list of other substances in sub-regulation 3.1.17. Although the draft amendment has not been notified to the WTO, FSSAI is accepting comments from interested stakeholders through February 8, 2015.

Comments should be sent to:

Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India,
Food and Drug Administration Bhawan,
Kotla Road, New Delhi. 110002
Email: pullulan.fssai@gmail.com

The full text of the <u>Notification</u> is attached at the end of this report and can be accessed on the FSSAI website <a href="http://www.fssai.gov.in/">http://www.fssai.gov.in/</a>.

**Type of Regulation**: Draft

Government of India (GOI) Notification No.: F.No.P.15025/263/13-PA/FSSAI

**GOI Publication Date**: October 17, 2014

FSSAI Website Publication Date: December 8, 2014
 Comments/suggestions Deadline: February 8, 2015

• WTO Notification Date: Not notified (as of December 9, 2014)

**Products Affected:** All food products

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

#### MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

#### (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

#### **NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 17th October, 2014

F. No. P. 15025/263/13-PA/FSSAI.—The following draft of certain regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, which the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, with previous approval of Central Government, proposes to make, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of Section 92 read with Section 16 of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), hereby publishes as required by the said sub-section (2), for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of the period of thirty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published are made available to the public;

The objections and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulation before the expiry of the period so specified, will be considered by the Food Authority;

Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002.

#### **Draft Regulations**

- **1. Short title and commencement.—**(1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014.
- 2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 3.1 relating to "Food Additives",—
  - (a) in sub-regulation 3.1.17 relating to "Other substances to be used in Specified limits", in the TABLE, after serial number 19 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:—

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·20.	Pullulan (thickening and glazing agent)	Dairy based desserts, such as pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt, etc., Fat-based dessert excluding dairy based dessert products of food category 1 mentioned above. Pre-cooked pastas and noodles and like products. Seasoning and condiments.	GMP".

R. K. JAIN, Chief Executive Officer

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Note:—The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 *vide* notification number F. No: 2-15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2010 and subsequently amended *vide* notification numbers:

- (i) F. No. 4/15015/30/2011, dated 7th June, 2013.
- (ii) F. No. P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated 27th June, 2013.
- (iii) F. No. 5/15015/30/2012, dated 12th July, 2013.