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GOI Notifies WTO on Draft Amendments for Gluten and Non-Gluten Foods

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Report Highlights:

On March 13, 2015, the World Trade Organization (WTO) published on its website draft regulations related to Indian standards and labeling requirements for gluten and non-gluten foods. A comment period was also notified with a deadline of May 12, 2015.

General Information:

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The GOI's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) recently published draft regulations to establish maximum limits and labeling requirements for gluten and non-gluten foods. These draft regulations were published on the WTO website for comment (WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/97). The deadline for comments is May 12, 2015.

Comments should be sent to:

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For more details, please refer to: <u>Draft Food Products Standards cum Packaging and Labeling</u> (<u>Amendment</u>) <u>Regulations</u>, <u>2015</u> (available online at: <u>http://www.fssai.gov.in/</u> or on the <u>WTO website</u>)

Final details on the draft regulations:

• Publication Date on the FSSAI website: February 17, 2015

Date of Implementation: To be determined
WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/97
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• Products Affected: Gluten and non-gluten foods

• Agency in Charge: Government of India, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India