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WTO Notified – GOI Standards for Fruits and Vegetables

Report Categories:

Fresh Fruit

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Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

FAIRS Subject Report

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India (GOI) recently notified its draft standards for fruits and vegetables to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The comment period for trading partners expires on May 29, 2016.

General Information:

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On January 19, 2016, the GOI published [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2016](#), relating to ‘fruit and vegetable products.’ On March 30, 2016, the GOI notified the amended draft standards to the WTO and are accepting comments from member countries. The comment period for trading partners expires on May 29, 2016.

The amendments mainly relate to “Thermally Processed Vegetables” after clause 2 in Regulation 2.3.3 of the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Additives and Food Standards\) Regulation, 2011](#). Readers may refer to the [FSSAI Notice](#) for more details on the amendment. The full text of the FSSAI notice can also be accessed on FSSAI’s website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>

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Details of Notification:

- Publication on the FSSAI website: January 19, 2016
- Date of Implementation: To be determined
- WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/139
- WTO Notification Date: March 30, 2016
- Final date for comments: May 29, 2016

Products Affected: All thermally processed fruit and vegetable products

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