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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is seeking comments from stakeholders on the draft "Food Safety and Standards Rules and Regulations 2009", which would replace the existing Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules of 1955, India's most important food regulation.

General Information:

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The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), a statutory regulatory authority of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI), recently posted on its website drafts of Food Safety Standards Rules and Regulations 2009 for comments from stakeholders. The final date for submission of comments is January 11, 2010, and should be addressed to:

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The full text of the draft rules and regulations can be accessed from the FSSAI website:
www.fssai.gov.in/ViewContentDetails.aspx?data=aQVuCsWQNww6gRIZbLiCs4DCydmXAna1t6yRLyr77TtJLzt2xJuASZTNsWGklm6wglf50Us%2fnNg9rP%2b%2fA4JRXEiuLhd6nACLdTXAyJIDMQ%3d

Background and Comments:

The Food Safety Standards Authority of India, which came into existence following the enactment of the "Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006" (www.fssai.gov.in/FOOD%20ACT.pdf), has been charged with consolidating various food laws and establishing a single regulatory agency in place of multiple regulatory agencies. This includes replacing India's most important food regulation, the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules of 1955, (www.mohfw.nic.in/pfa%20acts%20and%20rules.pdf), with the proposed Food Safety and Standards Rules and Regulations 2009. The newly proposed rule is comprehensive in scope and applies to the food products that constitute the bulk of the Indian diet. Most food labeling rules, including nutrition labeling, packaging and container regulations, food additive regulations, and pesticide MRLs in food products are governed by the PFA Rules.