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Report Highlights:

On December 29, 2015, the Indian Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution's Department of Legal Metrology published an advisory to postpone the implementation date of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2015, until June 30, 2016.

General Information:

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The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution's Department of Legal Metrology, postponed its timeline for the implementation of [Legal Metrology \(Packaged Commodities\) \(Amendment\) Rules, 2015](#). The amendment is now scheduled to be fully enforced as of June 30, 2016. The extension of enforcement date applies to Rule 6, 7 (Sub-rule 5), and 9 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. Readers may access specific details from GAIN Report [IN5076](#) and the [Legal Metrology \(Packaged Commodities\) \(Amendment\) Rules, 2015](#). The full text of the advisory is provided below.

Background:

On May 14, 2015, the Department of Legal Metrology, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution amended the Legal Metrology (packaged commodities) Rules, 2011. Important highlights of the amendment include: (a) Adoption of definition of retail packages as defined by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI); and (b) Allowance of stickers for all required labeling information data on imported food packages.

Details of notification GSR 385 (E)

Publication date: May 14, 2015

Date of implementation: June 30, 2016

WTO notification: Not yet notified (as of January 11, 2016)

Ministry in-charge: Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Products affected: All packaged commodities

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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs
Legal Metrology Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 29.12.2015

To,
The Controllers of Legal Metrology,
All States/ UTs

Subject:-The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2015- Advisory for dispensation- regarding.

Sir,
The undersigned is directed to refer to the amendments made in the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 vide GSR 385 (E) dated 14th May, 2015 and notified to come into force w.e.f. 1st January, 2016.

2. This is to inform that representations have been received from many Industries and Industry Associations that industry has huge inventory of packaging material which complies with the old rules and requesting extension of time for the implementation of proposed amendments.

3. It has therefore, been decided to allow the industries to use old packaging material till 30.6.2016 to enable old stocks to be cleared. This advisory is being issued to ensure smooth transition accordingly.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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