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FSSAI - Draft Notification on Standards for Milk and Dairy Products

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India published official gazette notification for Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016 and Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2016 for comment. Although not notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the notification mentions the deadline for suggestions and comments is January 19, 2017.

General Information:

Disclaimer: The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Government of India (GOI) and World Trade Organization (WTO) websites: <http://www.fssai.gov.in>. The Office of Agricultural Affairs and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity. The summary below is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and, therefore, should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive interpretation of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural trade interests.

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published official gazette notification for Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016; and Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2016 for comment. Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016 modifies text and/or provides new or revised definitions and standards for milk and dairy products in regulation 1.2 and 2.1 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. Products that are affected include milk, flavored milk, evaporated or concentrated milk, sweetened condensed milk, *khoya*, cream and *malai*, milk fats including anhydrous milkfat, anhydrous butter oil, butter oil and *ghee*, butter, milk powder and cream powder, dairy whitener, whey powder, fermented milk products, ice-cream, *kulfi*, chocolate ice cream, soft ice cream, milk ice or milk lolly, dried ice cream mix, frozen dessert or confections, *chhana* and *paneer*, cheese and cheese products, and edible casein products.

The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition & Restriction on Sale) Amendment Regulation, 2016 modifies regulation 2.1.1 (1) of Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sale) Regulations, 2011, which prohibits the sale of cream not prepared exclusively from milk or contains less than 20 percent milk fat (the existing regulation mentions 25 percent milk fat). In 2015, GOI notified draft standards for milk and milk products for which no further final notification was issued (Please see [IN6002](#) and [IN5143](#)) and current gazette notification only further modifies the earlier notified draft standards in 2015. The regulations have not been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The deadline for suggestions and comments is January 19, 2016.

The notification and standard format for reply can be accessed at: [Draft Regulations on Milk and Milk Products Standards](#) on the FSSAI website.

Final details on the Draft Notification:

Type of Regulation: Draft

GOI Publication Date: December 9, 2016 (uploaded on FSSAI website on December 22, 2016)

Notification to WTO: Not notified to the WTO as of January 12, 2017

Final Date for Comments from GOI notice: January 19, 2017

Products Affected: Milk and Dairy Products

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