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Report Highlights:

On January 19, 2011, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a final draft of the Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011. As previewed in earlier drafts, the final draft specifies the implementing rules of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which will replace the existing Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules of 1955.

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3. **July 7, 2010:** India notified 'Food Safety and Standards Regulations 2010' to the WTO as [G/SPS/N/IND/69](#).
4. **September 5:** Comment period ends on WTO notified 'Food Safety and Standards Regulations 2010'.
5. **October 20, 2010:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare notifies draft of 'Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2010', in the official gazette of India.
6. **November 20, 2010:** Comment period ends on gazette notified draft of 'Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2010'.
7. **January 19, 2011:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare notifies draft of 'Food Safety and Standard Rules, 2010', in the official gazette of India.
8. **February 19, 2010:** Comment period ends on gazette notified draft 'Food Safety and Standard Rules, 2010'.

Comments:

While numerous stakeholders have submitted comments on earlier drafts, the Food Safety and Standard Rules, 2011 remain broadly unchanged. However, the chapter on the "Structure of Food Authority and Administration" which was included as Chapter 2 in earlier drafts is no longer included in the final draft.

The draft notified to the WTO on May 20, 2010, can be accessed at:

<http://www.fssai.gov.in/Website/portals/0/pdf/fss.pdf>.

The draft which appeared in the Official Gazette of India on January 19, 2011 can be accessed at:

<http://www.fssai.gov.in/website/portals/0/pdf/FssaiRules2011.pdf>

Domestic stakeholders are currently expecting that the new Food Safety and Standard Rules and Regulations will be implemented by mid-2011.

^[1] the title of which has been updated to reflect the current year (2011), however the rules may still be called as Food Safety and Standard Rules, 2010