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GOI Defers the Implementation of PFA Rules Regarding Standards for Processed Fruits and Vegetables

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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI) issued an official Gazette notification (Corrigendum) on March 13, 2009 under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, pertaining to standards for processed fruits and vegetables and their products. The notification has not yet been notified to the WTO.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes the corrigendum to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954, regarding standards pertaining to food additives, microbiological requirements, package weight and other requirements for processed fruits and vegetables and their products.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final

Details on the final Gazette notification No. G.S.R. 166(E), dated March 13, 2009:

- **Publication Date:** March 13, 2009
- **Date of Implementation:** March 13, 2009 (for specific details see the notification text)
- **WTO Notification Date:** The regulation has not been notified to the WTO (as of April 1, 2009).
 - **Products Affected:** Thermally processed (fruits, fruit cocktail, vegetables, curried vegetables, vegetable soups, fruit juices, vegetable juices, tomato juice, fruit nectars, fruit beverages, mango pulp/puree, concentrated fruit juice/pulp/puree, vegetable juice/pulp/puree, tomato puree/paste, soup powders), raisins, pistachio nuts, dates, dry fruits and nuts, fruit or vegetable juice/pulp/puree with preservatives for industrial use, concentrated fruit or vegetable juice/pulp, puree with preservatives for industrial use, tamarind pulp/puree and concentrate, fruit bar/toffee, fruit or vegetable cereal flakes, squashes, crushes, fruit syrups, barley water, ginger cocktail and other processed products.

Agency in Charge: Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

Major Changes: NOTIFICATION (Text as published, attached on page 4)

The adoption of the Official Gazette regulation (G.S.R. No. 185(E) dated March 21, 2005) regarding standards pertaining to food additives, microbiological requirements, net weight of the container and other product specific requirements for processed fruits and vegetables and their products is further delayed for six months (except for rule numbers A-16.6, A-16.9, A-16.10, A-16.15, A-16.30 and A-16.41 of rule 2(ii) which shall come into force on 20th June, 2009)

The text details of the original notification (G.S.R. No. 185(E) dated March 21, 2005) can be assessed at: <http://www.mohfw.nic.in/F18521032005.pdf> . Additionally, the related notifications can be seen at: <http://www.mohfw.nic.in/pfa.htm#Final%20Notifications> .

The full text version of the PFA Act and Rules can be accessed from:
<http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa%20acts%20and%20rules.pdf>

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