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## India

**Post:** New Delhi

### India Amends Standards for Milk and Milk Products

**Report Categories:**

Dairy and Products

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 19 2010, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, issued an official Gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), proposing to amend the definition and quality standards for milk and milk products. The Gazette also proposes maximum levels for additives and sets microbiological parameters for dairy based products.

## **General Information:**

### **Introduction:**

This report summarizes the amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954, which proposes amendments to the definitions and quality standards for milk products and also sets the level of food additives and microbiological parameters for milk products.

The comments from the stakeholders are invited within 60 days of publication date of this notification in the official gazette, and should be addressed to:

The Secretary  
Minsitry of Health and Family Welfare  
Government of India  
Nirman Bhawan  
New Delhi-110 108.

The draft rules are expected to be taken into consideration for implementation after the expiry of comment period (60 days).

**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 Rules:** Draft

### **Important Dates:**

- **Publication Date:** July19, 2008
- **Comment period:** Within 60 days after July 19, 2010
- **Date of implementation:** September 18, 2010
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as on August 27, 2010).

**Products Affected:** Milk and milk products

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

**For additional details please see at:** <http://GSR 603>.

The full text version of the PFA Act and Rules can be accessed from: [PFA Act and Rules, 1954](#)

### **Background:**

On March 25, 2008, the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare published a draft Gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) and requested public comments within 60 days from the date of publication (Refer Gain

Report: IN8032). The amendment proposed the definition and quality standards for milk and milk products. The proposed notification sets maximum levels of additives and sets microbiological parameters for dairy based products. The notification dated July 19, 2010 will supercede the notification dated March 25, 2008.

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