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Report Highlights:

On November 1, 2012, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, formally implemented new packaging norms as published in the Indian Official Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 426 (E).

General Information:

On November 1, 2012, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, formally implemented the Legal metrology (packaged Commodities) Rules, 2012, under Legal metrology Act, 2011 as published in the Indian Official Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 426 (E).

On June 5, 2012, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, issued notification G.S.R. 426 (E), amending the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, which stipulates “the proviso to the rule 5 shall be omitted from November 2012.” As a result, from November 1, 2012, the commodities listed under schedule II (also amended via notification G.S.R 427 (E) on June 5, 2012) of the rules will have to be packed for sale, distribution or delivery in standard quantities as specified in that schedule, but will not require the declaration ‘*not a standard pack size under the Legal Metrology (packaged commodities) Rules, 2011*’ or ‘*non standard size under the Legal Metrology (packaged commodities) Rules, 2011*’, on the packages.

Details of Notification:

Type of Rules: Final

Publication Date: June 5, 2012

Date of implementation: November 1, 2012

WTO Notification Date: Not notified (as of August 10, 2011)

Products Affected: Various food items.

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

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The [Indian Official Gazette Notification No G.S.R. 426 \(E\)](#) is pasted below.

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**(Department of Consumer Affairs)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 5th June, 2012

G.S.R. 426(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) read with clause (j) and (q) of sub-section (2) of Section 52 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (1 of 2010), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, namely :—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Second Amendment) Amendment Rules, 2012.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2011,—
 - (i) for sub-rule (2) of rule 1, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

“(2) Save as otherwise provided, these rules shall come into force from 1st July, 2012.”
 - (ii) in rule 2, for clause (a) the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

“(a) The proviso to rule 5 shall be omitted from 1st November, 2012.”

[F. No. WM-11 (13)/2010]

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Note : The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, vide, notification number G.S.R. 202(E), dated 7th March, 2011 and last amended, vide, notification number G.S.R. 784(E), dated 24th October, 2011.