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WTO Notified – Removal of Zinc from the Metal Contaminants List

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Report Highlights:

On January 4, 2016, India notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) its draft regulation regarding the removal of zinc from its list of metal contaminants. The comment period for trading partners expires on March 4, 2016.

General Information:

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On November 23, 2015, GOI's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Regulations, 2011](#), to remove zinc from its list of metal contaminants. On January 4, 2016, the amended draft regulation was notified to the WTO. The comment period for trading partners expires on March 4, 2016.

In the table under sub-Regulation 2.1.1 of the [Food Safety and Standards \(Contaminants, Toxins and Residues\) Regulations, 2011](#), serial number (5) related to zinc is deleted.

Comments should be sent to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
3rd Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi – 110002
Email: baranip@yahoo.com

The full text of the FSSAI notification is attached below and is also available on FSSAI's website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

Type of Regulation: Draft

Publication date on the FSSAI website: November 23, 2015

Date of Implementation: To be determined

WTO Notification Number: SPS/N/IND/124

WTO Notification Date: January 4, 2016

Final date for comments: March 4, 2016

Products Affected: Ready-to-drink beverages, fruit pulp, infant milk substitutes and infant foods.

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, GOI

**Notice calling for suggestions, views, comments etc from WTO-SPS
Committee Members within a period of 60 days on the proposed
standards for removal of Zinc from Contaminants list.**

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011,
in regulation 2.1 relating to "Metal Contaminants"

(a) In sub-regulation 2.1.1, under the Table, Serial number (5), relating to 'Zinc' and the
entries relating thereon shall be omitted.