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WTO Notified Draft Standards for Fish and Fish Products

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Report Highlights:

Government of India notified Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016 relating to vertical standards of fish and fish products to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The deadline for comments is December 9, 2016.

General Information:

Disclaimer: The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Government of India (GOI) and World Trade Organization (WTO) websites: <http://www.fssai.gov.in> and www.wto.org. The Office of Agricultural Affairs and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity. The summary below is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and, therefore, should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive interpretation of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural trade interests.

The Government of India notified Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016 relating to vertical standards of fish and fish products to the World Trade Organization (WTO) for comments. The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016 modifies text and/or provides new or revised standards for fish and fish products in regulation 2.6.1 of the Food Safety and Standards ((Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. The fish and fish products included in the new regulations are frozen shrimp, frozen finfish, frozen fish fillets, frozen cephalopods, smoked fishery products, ready-to-eat finfish or shell, fish curry in retortable pouches, canned fishery products, sardine oil, edible fish powder, fish pickles, frozen minced fish meat, freeze dried prawns (shrimps), and frozen clam. The deadline for comments is December 9, 2016.

The draft regulation can be accessed at [Draft Regulations on Fish and Fish Products Standards](#) on the FSSAI website or the [WTO](#) website.

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Type of Regulation: Draft

Date of Implementation: To be determined

WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/161

WTO Notification Date: October 10, 2016

Final Date for Comments: December 9, 2016

Products Affected: Fish and Fish Products

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