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GOI Notifies Vertical Standards for Fish and Fish Products

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published official gazette notification for Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Eleventh Amendment Regulations 2017, which relate to vertical standards of fish and fish products.

General Information:

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On September 19, 2017 the Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published official gazette notification for Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Eleventh Amendment Regulations 2017; these regulations pertain to vertical standards of fish and fish products. The new regulations amend regulation 2.6.1 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations 2011 and provide new or revised standards for fish and fish products. The fish and fish products included in the new regulations are frozen shrimp, frozen finfish, frozen fish fillets, canned fishery products, frozen cephalopods, smoked fishery products, ready-to-eat finfish or shell fish curry in retortable pouches, sardine oil, edible fish powder, fish pickles, frozen minced fish meat, freeze dried prawns (shrimps), and frozen clam. The draft standards for the same were earlier notified to the WTO on October 10, 2016 for comments (please see IN6143). The final regulation has not been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) to date.

The final regulation can be accessed at <u>Final Regulation on Vertical Standard for Fish and Fish Products</u> on the FSSAI website.

Final details on the draft regulation:

Type of Regulation: Final

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Products Affected: Fish and Fish Products

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