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Draft Alcoholic Beverages Standards Notified for Comments

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Report Highlights:

On October 23, 2015, the Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published draft Alcoholic Beverages Standards. Domestic stakeholders have been invited to comment on these draft standards. The same draft standards were re-published on October 29, 2015, with comments invited by WTO members.

General Information:

DISCLAIMER: The summary below is based on a *cursory* review of the subject document 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 information contained in this report was retrieved from the Government of India website http://www.fssai.gov.in/. The U.S. Government makes no claim of accuracy or authenticity

On October 23, 2015, the Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages Standards) Regulation, 2015.

Domestic stakeholders have been invited to comment on these draft standards with a December 23, 2015 (60-day period for comments) deadline.

On October 29, 2015, the Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) republished the draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages Standards) Regulation, 2015. WTO members have been invited to comment on these draft standards with a deadline of December 30, 2015 (60-day period for comments).

Comments and/or suggestions should be sent to

The Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
03rd Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan
Kotla Road, New Delhi- 110002, India

E-mail: regulation@fssai.gov.in

Comments and/or suggestions may also be sent to baranip@yahoo.com.

The full text of the draft Standard is available on FSSAI's website: http://www.fssai.gov.in/.

Type of Order: Draft

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI).

FSSAI Website Publication Date: October 23, 2015 (Domestic Stakeholders) and October 29, 2015

(WTO-TBT Committee Members)

Comments/suggestions Deadline: December 30, 2015

Format for Submitting the Comments:

Subject: Notice calling for claims, suggestions, views, comments etc from stakeholders within a period of 60 days on the proposed standards for Alcoholic beverages.

FORMAT FOR SENDING THE COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS

Sr. no.	Name and address of the organisation/person, contact number and e-mail.	Relevant section in the draft notification on which comments are being provided	Comments/ suggestions	Rationale	Remarks
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Date:	
Place:	Name and Signature