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FSSAI Draft Food Standards Open for Domestic Comments

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Report Highlights:

On October 13, 2015, the Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) re-published the <u>Draft Food Safety and Standards</u> (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2015 (FSSR, 2015) relating to the harmonization of standards for food additives for use in certain food categories or individual food items. According to official contacts, domestic stakeholders, including international stakeholders that have offices in India, are only invited to comment on these draft standards. The deadline for comments is December 13, 2015.

General Information:

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On July 24, 2015, these draft standards were previously notified to the World Trade Organization for comment (GAIN Reports <u>IN5096</u> and <u>IN5108</u>); the deadline for comments for WTO members was October 4, 2015.

Comments and/or suggestions should be sent to:

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The full text of the amendments as given in the FSSAI's notification published on October 13, 2015, is available on FSSAI's website: http://www.fssai.gov.in/.

Type of Order: Draft

Effective Date: From the ensuing January 1 or July 1 of the year, as the case may be, subject to a minimum of 180 days from the date of final notification of these regulations in the Official Gazette.

GOI Publication Date: August 4, 2015

FSSAI Website Publication Date: October 13, 2015 **Comments/suggestions Deadline**: December 13, 2015

Format for Submitting the Comments:

Subject: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulation, 2015 regarding Harmonization of standards for food additives for use in certain food categories or individual food items. [Amendment in the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011: in chapter 3 relating to substance added to food and Appendix A relating to List of Food Additives].

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