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FSSAI Proposes Adoption of 46 BIS Standards for Food Additives

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a draft amendment relating to adoption of 46 Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for food additives. The GOI will accept comments from the World Trade Organization (WTO) trading partners for 60 days beyond the notification date as listed on the WTO's website (www.wto.org).

General Information:

DISCLAIMER: The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India's (FSSAI) website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>. The Office of Agricultural Affairs and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

On June 29, 2016, FSSAI published a draft amendment relating to adoption of 46 BIS for various food additives, on its website. The draft amendment was notified to the WTO member countries and comments invited. The comment period for trading partners expires 60 days from the date it is notified on WTO website (www.wto.org).

Amendments relate to the following from the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. It is recommended that interested parties should thoroughly review the notification for major revisions.

1. A new clause to include the standards on Beta-apo-8-carotenol, ethylester of Beta-apo-8-carotenoic acid, Titanium dioxide has been added.
2. New sub-Regulations have been added and the list is given below.

3.2.9 – Preservatives and their standards (Sodium Benzoate/Benzoic Acid/Potassium Nitrate/Sorbic Acid/Potassium Nitrate/Sodium Propionate/Sulphur dioxide)

3.2.10 – Acidity Regulator and their standards (Ammonium hydrogen carbonate/sodium citrate/fumaric acid/tartaric acid/dicalcium phosphate/phosphoric acid/citric acid/malic acid/sodium hydroxide)

3.2.11 – Gelling agent/thickener/stabilizer and their standards (Sodium alginate/sodium carboxymethyl cellulose/sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, enzyme hydrolysed/agar/gum Arabic/tragacanth gum/ghum ghatti/calcium alginate/alginate/guar gum/gum karaya/polyglycerol esters of fatty acids/polyglycerol ester of interesterified ricinoleic acid/glycerol esters of wood rosin/pectin/carrageenan)

3.2.12 – Antioxidants and their standards (Butylated hydroxyanisole/dodecyl gallate/propyl gallate/octyl gallate/ascorbyl palmitate/sodium ascorbate/

3.2.13 – Flavor enhancers and their standards (Monosodium glutamate)

3.2.14 – Glazing agent (Mineral oil-Medium/low/high viscosity)

3.2.15 – Humectant/Wetting Agent/Dispersing Agent and their standards (Propylene glycol)

3.2.16 – Sweetener/Humectant/Sequestrant and their standards (Sorbitol)

Comments, within 60 days from the date of notification in WTO website, 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

Details of Draft Notification:

- Date of Publication on FSSAI website: June 29, 2016
- Final date for comments from WTO members: 60 days from the date notified on WTO website

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

The full text of the [Draft Notification](#) can be accessed from the website of FSSAI at: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.