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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Trade and Industry's Bureau of Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS) informs all concerned sectors and stakeholders that India has notified the WTO Members through the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Information Management System of the following draft regulations related to Food Safety and Standards:

Notification Symbol	Date of Distribution	Notified Document	Description
G/TBT/N/IND/200	06/04/2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2021 related to omit the clause (b) of sub-regulation 7(3) of Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017 to enable the sampling of food products imported for captive use or production of value-added products for hundred per cent exports.
G/TBT/N/IND/211	20/09/2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2021 relating to warning on the label of Pan Masala Products and nomenclature of various bread.
G/TBT/N/IND/212	20/09/2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2021	These regulations propose to prohibit the manufacture, sale, storage and exhibit for sale of food for infant nutrition except under BIS Certification Mark, wherever BIS standards available.
G/TBT/N/IND/213	20/09/2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Vegan Foods) Regulations, 2021	These regulations prescribe the provisions for assessing and certifying vegan foods in India including their labelling and display requirements.
G/TBT/N/IND/214	08/10/2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2021 relating to exemption of bubble gum from mandatory nutritional labelling, a certain exemption in allergen declarations, Font size specification and exemption of package having a surface area less than 30cm ² from the declaration of date of manufacture, etc.

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G/TBT/N/IND/216	12/11/2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Approval for Non-Specified Food and Food Ingredients) Amendment Regulations, 2021	These regulations propose changes in the procedure for grant of prior approval for non-specified food and food ingredients including change in application form for seeking approval for such foods.
G/TBT/N/IND/217	12/11/2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2021	These regulations prescribe to substitute the words 'Multi source edible vegetable oil' with 'Multi-source edible oil' in the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011.
G/TBT/N/IND/227	06/12/2021	Draft Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified or Engineered Foods) Regulations, 2021	The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified or Engineered Foods) Regulations, 2021 is applicable to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) or Genetically Engineered Organisms (GEOs) or Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) intended for direct use as food or for processing and food or processed food containing Genetically Modified ingredients produced from but not containing LMOs or GEOs or GMOs.
G/TBT/N/IND/228	12/01/2022	Draft of certain regulations to further amend the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018	This regulation prescribes for the Revision in respect of Criteria, applicability and content of Claims.

To access the notifications, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink.

Draft regulations can be found on the notification forms (No.8 Relevant Documents), available in Hindi and English.

Should you have wish to provide comments or seek clarifications on the notifications, please do not hesitate to contact us at BPS@dti.gov.ph, copy Ms. Catherine A. Paguinto (CatherineAntonio@dti.gov.ph) and Ms. Jasmin E. Metre (JasminMetre@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food Products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2021 (3 pages, in Hindi and English) (3 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2021 related to omit the clause (b) of sub-regulation 7(3) of Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017 to enable the sampling of food products imported for captive use or production of value added products for hundred per cent exports.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India propose to omit the clause (b) of sub-regulation 7(3) of Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017 to enable the sampling of food products imported for captive use or production of value added products for hundred per cent exports to stop the entry of unsafe or sub-standard food or food containing extraneous, imported for processing in domestic area for export purpose; Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements
8. Relevant documents: https://www.fssai.gov.in/notifications.php?notification=wto-tbt-notification
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https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/IND/21_2464_00_x.pdf



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6. Description of content: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Amendment Regulations, 2021 relating to warning on the label of Pan Masala Products and nomenclature of various bread.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in the proposed draft specifies the warning on the label of Pan Masala Products and nomenclature of various bread.; Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety
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4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Pre-packaged foods
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2021. (3 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: These regulations propose to prohibit the manufacture, sale, storage and exhibit for sale of food for infant nutrition except under BIS Certification Mark, wherever BIS standards available.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: These regulations prescribe the requirement of BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) Certification Mark on food for infant nutrition. ; Consumer information, labelling; Protection of animal or plant life or health
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4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food Products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Vegan Foods) Regulations, 2021. (4 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: These regulations prescribe the provisions for assessing and certifying vegan foods in India including their labelling and display requirements.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In view of growing popularity and changing dietary habits towards vegan foods, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India formulated the provisions to assess and certify vegan foods in India.; Quality requirements
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4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Approval for Non-Specified Food and Food Ingredients) Amendment Regulations, 2021. (22 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: These regulations propose changes in the procedure for grant of prior approval for non-specified food and food ingredients including change in application form for seeking approval for such foods.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The draft regulations propose changes in the procedure for grant of prior approval for non-specified food and food ingredients.; Consumer information, labelling
8. Relevant documents: Draft available in Hindi and English. https://fssai.gov.in/notifications.php?notification=wto-tbt-notification
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5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2021. (3 pages, in Hindi and English)
6. Description of content: These regulations prescribe to substitute the words 'Multi source edible vegetable oil' with 'Multi-source edible oil' in the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: These regulations propose to change the nomenclature of 'Multi source edible vegetable oil' to 'Multi-source edible oil'; Consumer information, labelling
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4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Genetically Modified or Engineered Food
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified or Engineered Foods) Regulations, 2021 (17 pages, in English and Hindi) (17 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified or Engineered Foods) Regulations, 2021 is applicable to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) or Genetically Engineered Organisms (GEOs) or Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) intended for direct use as food or for processing and food or processed food containing Genetically Modified ingredients produced from but not containing LMOs or GEOs or GMOs.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified or Engineered Foods) Regulations, 2021 includes the procedure for grant of prior approval for food or food ingredient or processing aid containing Living Modified Organism and - For food or food ingredient or processing aid derived from Genetically Modified Ingredients but not containing Living Modified Organism, pre-requisites for GM Food testing laboratory, and Labelling provisions.; Protection of human health or safety
8. Relevant documents: F.No. F. No 1-Stds/SP(L&C/A)/Oil Claims/FSSAI-2018, Available in English. https://www.fssai.gov.in/notifications.php?notification=wto-tbt-notification
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5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft of certain regulations to further amend the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018, (15 page(s), in English; 15 page(s), in Hindi)
6. Description of content: This regulation prescribes for the Revision in respect of Criteria, applicability and content of Claims.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objective of this amendment is to establish fairness in claims and advertisements of food products and make food businesses across the country accountable for any such claims/advertisements so as to protect consumer interest.; Consumer information, labelling
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