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Report Highlights:

On December 5, 2016, the Indian Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution's Department of Legal Metrology published an advisory to postpone the implementation date of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2015, until March 31, 2017.

General Information:

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On December 5, 2016, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution's Department of Legal Metrology, issued an advisory to postpone its timeline for the implementation of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2015. The objective of this extension is primarily for Rule 7 (Sub-rule 5 – Principal Display Panel for labeling) of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, as a means to provide commercial stakeholders an adequate adjustment period. For background details on the subject, readers may access GAIN IN5076 and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2015. The amendment is now scheduled to be fully enforced as of March 31, 2017.

The full text of the latest advisory published by the Department of Legal Metrology is pasted below.

WM-10(65)/2016
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs
Legal Metrology Division

To,

The Controllers of Legal Metrology, All States/ UTs

Subject:-The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2015- Advisory for dispensation- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the amendments made in the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 vide GSR 385 (E) dated 14th May, 2015 and the advisory issued on 29.12.2015 and 30.6.2016 to allow the stake holders to use old packaging material till 31.10.2016 to enable old stocks to be cleared.

- 2. It is further to state that on representations by the stake holders, the rule 7(5) inserted under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 vide above stated amendment, regarding size of the principal display panel is further extended for another five months i.e. upto 31st March, 2017. This advisory is being issued to ensure smooth transition accordingly.
- 3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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