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Report Highlights:

On January 5, 2018, The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority published a notice on the draft amendment notification of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food additives) Regulation 2011, which pertains to standards of fruit and vegetable products. Although not notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the notification mentions the deadline for suggestions and comments is sixty days from the date of publication of notification.

General Information:

On January 5, 2018, The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority published a notice on the draft amendment notification of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food additives) Regulation 2011, which pertains to standards of fruit and vegetable products. Although not notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the notification mentions the deadline for suggestions and comments is sixty days from the date of publication of notification.

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On January 5, 2018, The Government of India's food Safety and Standards Authority published notice on the draft amendment notification of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food additives) Regulation 2011 regarding standards of fruit and vegetable products such as quick frozen french fried potatoes; canned chestnuts; canned chestnut puree; edible fungus products, ginger, tomato ketchup, and tomato sauce. The regulation has not been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The deadline for suggestions and comments is sixty days form the date of publication of the notification.

The notification and standard format for reply can be accessed at <http://www.fssai.gov.in/home/fss-legislation/wto-notifications/wto-sps-notifications.html> on the FSSAI website.

Final details on the Draft Notification:

Type of Regulation: Draft

GOI Publication Date: January 5, 2018 (uploaded on FSSAI website on January 23, 2018)

Notification to WTO: Not notified to the WTO as of January 30, 2018

Final Date for Comments from GOI notice: Sixty days form the date of publication of notification

Products Affected: Fruit and Vegetable Products

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, GOI

Comments or suggestions from stakeholders should be emailed to: spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov in within Sixty days from the date of notification in WTO