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Report Highlights:

On December 11, 2012, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a draft Gazette of India notification amending the Food Safety and Standards Regulations 2011. The amendment pertains to Contaminants, Toxins and Residues of the Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011. The FSSAI has invited comments/suggestions from stakeholders within a period of 30 days from the date on which this notification is made available to the public i.e. by January 11, 2013.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes the proposed draft amendments to the Food Safety and Standards Regulations 2011 established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, related to contaminants, toxins and residues.

The full text of the proposed amendment as given in the notification is given below.

- 1. (i) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations 2012.
 - (ii) They shall come into force from the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, in regulations 2.3, in sub-regulation 2.3.2 relating to antibiotic and other pharmacologically active substances, after paragraph (2) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be inserted, namely:
- (3) The limit of antibiotics mentioned in column (2), in Honey on the basis of Limit of Quantification, shall not exceed the limit prescribed in column (3) when determined by the instrumentation mentioned in column (4) of the table given below.

S.No.	Name of Antibiotics	(Limit of Quantification) (ppb)	Instrument used
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Chloramphenicol	0.3	LC-MS/MS
2.	Nitrofurans	0.5	LC-MS/MS
3.	Sulphonamides	5.0	LC-MS/MS
4.	Streptomycin	5.0	LC-MS/MS
5.	Tetracycline	5.0	LC-MS/MS
a.	Oxytetracycline	5.0	LC-MS/MS
b.	Chloretracycline	5.0	LC-MS/MS
6.	Ampicillin	5.0	LC-MS/MS
7.	Enrofloxacin	5.0	LC-MS/MS
8.	Ciprofloxacin	5.0	LC-MS/MS
9.	Erythromycin	5.0	LC-MS/MS
10.	Tylosin	5.0	LC-MS/MS

The full text of the notification dated November 29, 2012 can also be accessed on the FSSAI website at: Notification

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Comments/suggestions should be addressed to:

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