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Report Highlights:

On July 31, 2017, India notified amendments in tolerance limit of antibiotics and pharmacology active substances to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and invited comments from the member countries. The comment period, as listed on the WTO website (www.wto.org), expires on September 29, 2017.

General Information:

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On July 31, 2017, amendments relating to the tolerance limit of antibiotics and pharmacology active substances were notified to the WTO for comments from the member countries. The comment period expires on September 29, 2017. The full text of [June 12th Notification](#) is available on FSSAI's website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

Background:

On June 12, 2017, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified amendments in Contaminants, Toxins and Residues Regulations. The major amendment relates to the prohibition on use of certain antibiotics and other pharmacologically active substances in any seafood processing units including shrimps, prawns or fish and fish products. Other amendments relate to (i) antibiotics used in animals and human beings; (ii) antibiotics for exclusive use in animals; and (iii) other veterinary drugs.

Comments should be sent to:

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