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WTO Member Comments Invited on Ready to Drink Infant Milk Substitute

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Report Highlights:

India has invited the World Trade Organization (WTO) members to provide comments on their draft notification related to ready-to-drink infant milk substitute. The comment period for trading partners expires 60 days beyond the notification date listed on the WTO website www.wto.org.

General Information:

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On March 21, 2017, FSSAI published a draft notification related to ready-to-drink infant milk substitute. The draft notification invites comments from the WTO member countries, which would expire 60 days from the date it is published on WTO website (www.wto.org).

Major highlights of the notification are pasted below and they relate to the insertion of proviso's in Regulation 2.1 (Dairy Products and Analogues) and 2.4 (Cereal and Cereal Products) of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.

(a) in regulation 2.1 relating to "DAIRY PRODUCTS AND ANALOGUES", in sub-heading "Infant Milk Substitute" under sub-regulation 2.1.9 "FOODS FOR INFANT NUTRITION",-

(i) in para 1, after sl. No. 37 and the entries thereto, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely;-

"Provided further that in ready to drink infant milk substitute, lecithin and ascorbyl palmitate may be used upto maximum limit of 0.5 gm./100ml. and 1mg./100ml. respectively."

(ii) in para 2, after sl. No. 38 and the entries thereto, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely;-

"Provided further that in ready to drink infant milk substitute, lecithin and ascorbyl palmitate may be used upto maximum limit of 0.5 gm./100ml. and 1mg./100ml. respectively."

(b) in Regulation 2.4 relating to "CEREAL AND CEREAL PRODUCTS", in sub-regulation 2.4.15 "BAKERY PRODUCTS",-

(i) in para 1, after third proviso , the following proviso shall be inserted, namely;-

"Provided also that Biscuit may contain baker's yeast at the levels required under "Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)."

(ii) in para 2, after the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely;-

"Provided also that bread may contain baker's yeast at the levels required under "Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)."

Comments, within 60 days from the date of notification in WTO website, should be sent to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
3rd Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi – 110002
Email: spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in

Details of Notification:

- Date of Publication on FSSAI website: March 21, 2017
- Final date for comments from WTO members: 60 days from the date notified on WTO website