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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>INDIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Food
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2025. <b>Language(s):</b> Hindi and English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 12 <a href="https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Notification%20dt%2004_06_2025-Cheese%20powder%20draft.pdf">https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Notification%20dt%2004_06_2025-Cheese%20powder%20draft.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/IND/25_05094_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/IND/25_05094_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Draft Notification of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2025 is related to the Revision of fatty acid composition of Ghee, New Standards of Cheese Powder, Removal of term "Fish" from definition of Animal, Addition of vitamins up to 15% of the Recommended Dietary Allowance in caffeinated beverages, limit of Arsenic in regulation 2.10.7(4) for mineral water (including natural mineral water), limit of Borate in Regulation 2.10.8 for Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water), Standards of Drinking Water (Purified), inclusion of "Sucrose esters of fatty acids INS 473" in Food Category 12.6.3, and relating to Food Categories 6.2.1 and 6.2.2.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> For three proposed standards, aligned with following Codex standards: (i) Codex pesticide database - Removal of the term "fish" from the definition of "animal" (ii) General Standard for Bottled/Packaged drinking water (Other than Natural Mineral Waters) CXS227-2001 - Revision in limit of Borates (as Boron) in regulation 2.10.8 for Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water) (iii) General Standard for Food Additives (CXC 192-1995)- Inclusion of "Sucrose esters of fatty acids INS 473" in Food Category 12.6.3 (Mixes for sauces and gravies)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Yet to be decided.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Yet to be decided.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be decided.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 September 2025</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dr Alka Rao Advisor (Regulations, Science and Standards) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare FDA Bhawan Kotla Road New Delhi – 110002 Tel: +(011) 2366 7293 E-mail: <a href="mailto:spstbt.engpt@fssai.gov.in">spstbt.engpt@fssai.gov.in</a> Website: <a href="http://www.fssai.gov.in/">http://www.fssai.gov.in/</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dr Alka Rao Advisor (Regulations, Science and Standards) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare FDA Bhawan Kotla Road New Delhi – 110002 Tel: +(011) 2366 7293 E-mail: <a href="mailto:spstbt.engpt@fssai.gov.in">spstbt.engpt@fssai.gov.in</a> Website: <a href="http://www.fssai.gov.in/">http://www.fssai.gov.in/</a></p>