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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food Products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2020 (30 pages, in English and Hindi) (30 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: These regulations is regarding new/revised standards of raw edible oil, multi-source edible vegetable oil, dehydrated vegetables, protein rich atta, multigrain atta, mixed millet flour, honey, requirements for animal feed, dry sweet basil leaves, hemp seed, use of food additives in iced tea and microbiological standards for food grain.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: i)Term 'Blended edible vegetable oil' is being replaced with 'Multi-sourced Edible Vegetable Oil' to avoid confusion as in many cases, especially during trade the term 'blending' is misunderstood with the term 'adulteration or mixing'. ii) Standard for Dried Sweet Basil Leaves is developed to ensure its quality and safety and to facilitate its trade. iii) Microbiological Standard for cereal grain products based on Process Hygiene Criteria and Food Safety Criteria is developed to cover all the related products to ensure process and product safety. iv) Standards of Honey being revised with respect to TMR, SMR, Pollen count and foreign oligosaccharides to address the issue of adulteration and labelling provision proposed for different types of honey v) The requirement for animal feed is being specified for the alignment of FSSAI requirements with those specified in BIS and DAHD and to address the safety issue identified in the recent quality and safety survey of commodities like milk etc.; Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File No. Std/SC/A-1.34/N-1; available in Hindi and English• https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft_Notification_Oil_Atta_Flor_Grain_28_10_2020.pdf

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Yet to be decided Proposed date of entry into force: Yet to be decided
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Website of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, http://www.fssai.gov.in Mr. P. Karthikeyan Deputy Director SPS Enquiry Point, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road New Delhi-110002, India Tel: +(011) 23231681 Fax: +(011) 23220994 Email: spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in Website: http://www.fssai.gov.in/ https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft_Notification_Oil_Atta_Flour_Grain_28_10_2020.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/IND/20_6866_00_e.pdf