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GOI Proposed Amendment to the PFA Rules Pertaining to Artificial Sweeteners and Infant Food 2008

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Report Highlights:

On December 5, 2007, the Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI) issued a draft Gazette notification to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules (PFA), 1955, pertaining to use of artificial sweeteners. The proposed amendment has not yet been notified to the WTO.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report provides a brief overview of the draft Gazette notification issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on proposed amendment to the PFA rules, 1955, pertaining to use of artificial sweeteners. This amendment has not been notified to the WTO.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Draft

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** December 5, 2007.
- **Date of Implementation:** Upon final gazette notification.
- **Time period for receiving Comments/Suggestions:** Thirty days (January 4, 2008).
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not yet notified.

Products Affected: Processed food products

Agency in Charge: Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

Proposed Changes:

The draft rule proposes usage level of Acesulfame Potassium in concentrate of fruit nectars; Sucralose level in lozenges; Xanthan gum level in non dairy whip toppings and bakery mixes. It also proposes a change in the labeling rule for artificial sweeteners. It also restricts manufacture, sale, store or exhibit for sale of an infant milk food, infant formula, and milk cereal based weaning food, etc. only to Bureau of Indian Standards Certification marked products.

The full official notification is available at: [www.mohfw.nic.in/751%20\(E\)%205.12.07.pdf](http://www.mohfw.nic.in/751%20(E)%205.12.07.pdf)

For More Information: Contact the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration website: <http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa.htm>

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