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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. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site 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): All packed and/or bottled food items.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Prevention of Food Adulteration (3 rd Amendment) Rules, 2000 (7 pages, in Hindi and English)
6. Description of content: Labelling provision to indicate permitted natural/synthetic colour(s) and flavour(s) and also for mentioning "best before" on the label of food products.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To provide correct information to consumers about the nature of food being purchased by them.
8. Relevant documents: 1. Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 2. Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 3. Prevention of Food Adulteration (3 rd Amendment) Rules, 2000 as notified vide Notification no. G.S.R 537(E) dated 13 June 2000.
9. Proposed date of adoption: 13 June 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 September 2000

10. Final date for comments: Measure being notified to WTO was first published in the draft form vide Ministry of health and Family Welfare, Notification no. G.S.R 770(E) dated 15 November 1999 inviting objections and suggestions within 30 days from the date the copies of draft Notification were made available to the public i.e. 16 November 1999. The measure under Notification before the WTO is the final notification framed after considering the objections and suggestions received from the public. This is being enforced with effect from 1 September 2000. This notification is being enforced with effect from 1 September 2000. This notification is being made to acquaint Members with the regulation already in force.

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: Assistant Director General (PFA), Director General of Health Services, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi-110011, e-mail: adgpa@nb.nic.in