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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade Original: English

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	**Member to Agreement notifying:** INDIA **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):** Mineral Water defined under: Prevention of Food Adulteration (6th Amendment) Rules, 2000 as published vide Notification no. G.S.R 759 (E) dated 29 September 2000
5.	**Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Prevention of Food Adulteration (6th Amendment) Rules, 2000 (13 pages, in Hindi and English)
6.	**Description of content:** (A) Labelling requirement: "Every package of mineral water shall carry the following declaration in capital letters having the size of each letter as prescribed in Rule 36 of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955: NATURAL MINERAL WATER". (B) Quality Standards: Packaged Mineral water to be subjected to mandatory quality certification by Bureau of Indian Standards (*BIS*) so as to comply with the standards prescribed in Prevention of Food Adulteration (6th Amendment) Rules, 2000 as published vide Notification no. G.S.R 759(E) 29 September 2000.
7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer protection and compliance of legislation applicable to domestic products.
8.	**Relevant documents:** 1. Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 2. Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955; 3. Bureau of Indian standards Act, 1986; 4. Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 1987

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	5. Bureau of Indian Standards Rules (Certification) Regulations, 1988.
9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** 29 September 2000 **Proposed date of entry into force:** 29 March 2001
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 808(E) dated 10 December 1999 inviting objections and suggestions within 60 days from the date the copies of draft Notification were made available to the public i.e. 13 December 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 29 March 2001. 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