



Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2021

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Dear Reader

This update is regarding the recently notified Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules 2021.

Background	<p>The Government of India has on November 2, 2021, notified an amendment in Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 which shall come into force from April 1, 2022.</p> <p>Upon their enforcement, certain new requirements and certain relaxation are granted from mandatory declarations on the packages.</p>
New Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Government has clarified that when one or more packages are grouped together and intended to be sold as a retail package on a promotional offer – then – each package of this group shall be compliant with regards to declarations to be made on the package.▪ The Department of Consumer Affairs has omitted the Rule 5 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), Rules 2011 defining Schedule II which prescribes the standard package sizes of various types of commodities. With this amendment, the requirement for packing the specified commodities in terms of the standard quantities by weight, measure or number as provided under the Schedule II do not have to be adhered to any longer.▪ The compliance burden with regards to month and year in which product is pre-packed and imported have been done away with. The disclosure is now confined to the month and year in which product is manufactured.▪ The provisions of declarations of Maximum Retail Price (MRP) have been simplified by removing any format – it is only mandatory to provide the declaration of MRP in Indian currency inclusive of all taxes. The manufacturer, packer or importer can now declare the MRP on the pre-packed commodities in a simplified manner.▪ A new rule is inserted requiring mandatory declaration of unit sale price of commodity as Rs. per gram, kilogram, centimeter, meter, number, milliliter, liter as applicable.▪ The rule for prescribing quantity of pre-packaged goods in numbers have been simplified by eliminating the use of letters 'N' or 'U.' The new rule allows amounts to be described as a number, unit, piece, pair, set, or any other word that describes the quantity of the package.
Next Steps	<p>Once these Rules come into force, manufacturers, importers and traders would be required to reassess and revise the packaging of commodity to be in compliant with the new rules.</p>

We trust you will find this an interesting read.

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