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Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Compliance in India

CORPORATE ADVISORY ALERT – Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities)

Compliance in India

Businesses dealing with pre-packaged commodities in India must comply with the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. These regulations ensure that consumers receive accurate information about the quantity, price, and origin of products sold in packaged form.

I. Introduction

The Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 regulate the sale and distribution of goods in packaged form in India. These regulations ensure transparency in product information and protect consumers by mandating specific declarations on packaged goods. ***Any business involved in manufacturing, importing, packing, distributing, or selling packaged commodities must comply with these regulations before placing products in the Indian market.***

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- Ensuring fair trade practices
- Protecting consumer rights
- Preventing misleading packaging
- Maintaining accuracy in weights and measures

IV. What are Packaged Commodities?

A packaged commodity refers to any product that is packed without the consumer being present and sold in a predetermined quantity. These products are usually sealed or packed prior to sale and displayed to consumers in retail or online marketplaces.

- Food and beverage products
- Cosmetics and personal care products
- Electrical and electronic goods
- Household products
- Imported retail items

V. Who Needs LMPC Registration?

Legal Metrology Packaged Commodities (LMPC) registration is typically required for entities involved in the following activities:

- Importers bringing pre-packaged products into India
- Manufacturers selling products in packaged form
- Packers who pack or repack products for retail sale
- E-commerce sellers dealing with packaged commodities

VI. Mandatory Declarations on Packaged Commodities

The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules require specific information to be displayed on product packaging. These declarations ensure transparency for consumers and enable regulatory authorities to verify compliance.

Mandatory Declaration	Description
Name & Address	Name and address of manufacturer, packer, or importer
Country of Origin	Required for imported products
Net Quantity	Weight, volume, or number of units in the package
Maximum Retail Price (MRP)	Inclusive of all applicable taxes
Month & Year	Month and year of manufacture or import
Customer Care Details	Phone number, email, or contact information

VII. Importance of Compliance

Compliance with Legal Metrology requirements is essential for businesses operating in India. Authorities regularly conduct inspections at warehouses, retail outlets, and e-commerce fulfillment centers to verify packaging declarations. Ensuring compliance helps businesses avoid operational disruptions and maintain consumer trust.

VIII. Consequences of non-compliance

- Monetary penalties imposed by regulatory authorities
- Seizure of non-compliant products
- Restrictions on sale or distribution
- Legal proceedings under the Legal Metrology Act

IX. How can Octagona India help?

- Provide Advisory on Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.
- Assist in review and alignment of documents.
- File Application on behalf of the company.
- Follow up leading to securing certification.

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