## *India — Food safety standards*

The United States and the European Union expressed concern with India's recent draft measure on labelling for food products. The regulation requires front of package nutritional information on food products and a warning on alcoholic beverages. The US said that the proposed measure would affect the export of processed products, including alcoholic beverages, and would create consumer confusion. The US urged India to notify any changes to the labelling requirements to the TBT Committee. The EU urged India to align the provision with Codex standards of labelling for pre-packaged foods and nutrition labelling. The EU asked for a longer transition period to allow industry to adapt to the new measures.

India said that members' comments had been considered and that front of package labelling requirements had been removed from the draft measure, which would be re-notified to the Committee. Regarding warning labels on alcoholic beverages, India said that these were based on recommendations by the World Health Organization and Codex.