

# Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011

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**In news**– The Union government has amended the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 for ease of doing business and reducing the compliance burden for the electronic industries.

## **Key amendments-**

Following are the amendments proposed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution vide the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), (Second Amendment) Rules 2022-

- **Amendments allowed the electronic products to declare certain mandatory declarations through the QR Code** for a period of one year, if not declared in the package itself.
- This amendment will **allow the industry to declare the elaborated information in the digital form** through the QR Code.
- It will **allow important declarations to be declared effectively on the label in the package** while the other descriptive information can be conveyed to the Consumer through the QR Code.
- **The declarations include information like address of the manufacturer or packer or importer**, the common or generic name of the commodity, the size and dimension of the commodity customer care details except the telephone number & email address.
- **Earlier, all the prepackaged commodities including the electronic products are required to declare all the mandatory declarations** as per the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), Rules 2011 on the package.

## The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), Rules 2011-

- These rules were **notified under the Legal Metrology Act 2009.**
- The rules provide for regulation of pre-packing and sale etc. of commodities in packaged form.
- The rules say that no person shall pre-pack or cause or permit to be pre-packed any commodity for sale, distribution or delivery unless the package in which the commodity is pre-packed bears thereon or, a label is securely affixed.
- They provide specific commodities to be packed and sold in recommended standard packages.
- They provide for declarations to be made on every package, such as the name and address of the manufacturer and quantity.