

NATIONWIDE BAN ON PACKAGED SMOKELESS TOBACCO

India leads the way



- The clause 2.3.4 of Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulation, 2011 expressly prohibits the use of tobacco and nicotine in all food products and reads as: "Product not to contain any substance which may be injurious to health: Tobacco and nicotine shall not be used as ingredients in any food products". As such, Gutkha is prohibited.
- 15 States and Union Territories have banned other forms of packaged Smokeless Tobacco such as zarda, khaini and other flavoured and processed chewing tobacco products under the FSSA or their State Health Acts.
- State Governments of Goa and Assam have included a ban on chewing tobacco products by their respective State Health Acts.