

NEWSLETTER

FSSAI & CDSCO (COSMETICS AND MEDICAL DEVICE) ORDERS, ADVISORIES, NOTIFICATIONS, DIRECTIONS.



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THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL UPDATES	4
ORDER/ DIRECTIONS	1
PRESS RELEASE	1
AMENDMENT	1
DRAFT	1



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Position of FSSAI on the use of identical flavours in Alcoholic Beverages

FSSAI has taken enforcement action against certain manufacturers found to be adding “rum flavour” to rum or “whisky flavour” to whisky, stating that such flavours should naturally arise from the product’s raw materials and manufacturing process rather than be externally added.

FSSAI emphasized that while natural and nature-identical flavouring substances (e.g., vanilla or coffee) may be permitted where technologically justified, adding the flavour of the standardized beverage itself is considered misleading and may render the product sub-standard.

The Authority has issued prohibition orders and notices to several manufacturers, while allowing limited sale of existing stock in certain cases subject to revised front-of-pack disclosures that accurately reflect the true nature of the product.

The authority has also reiterated that age claims must be based on the youngest spirit in the blend, reinforcing its focus on authentic product composition, transparent labelling, and consumer protection.

Date of Notification: 2nd August 2026

Declaration of Non-Food Grade item in the Bill of Entry

FSSAI has issued an advisory to importers and customs brokers regarding the declaration of non-food grade (NFG) items in Bills of Entry. Recognizing that many products with dual food and non-food applications under the same HSN code are being unnecessarily routed to FSSAI for clearance, the Authority has advised stakeholders to use the qualifier “NFG” in ICEGATE/SWIFT for consignments intended for non-food use.

This declaration will facilitate appropriate regulatory routing, reduce processing delays, and prevent non-applicable Bills of Entry from being referred to FSSAI. The advisory is in line with the CBIC Customs Circular dated 22 April 2026.

Date of Notification: 10th August 2026



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Final Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026 regarding inclusion of the list of Packaging materials for Pan Masala

FSSAI has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026, introducing dedicated packaging requirements for Pan Masala under Schedule IV of the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018.

The amendment mandates that Pan Masala shall be packaged only in paper, paperboard, cellulose, or other naturally derived materials that are completely free from plastics, including polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester, PVC, synthetic polymers, copolymers, laminates, aluminium foil, and metallized layers.

Alternatively, tin or glass containers may be used for packaging.

The amendment also extends the applicability of relevant provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, to Pan Masala packaging.

By restricting the use of plastic-based and multi-layer packaging materials, the regulation is expected to significantly reduce plastic waste generated from Pan Masala products and promote the adoption of more sustainable and environmentally responsible packaging solutions across the sector.

The amendment came into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Date of Notification: 10th August 2026





MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

FSSAI has issued a draft amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Safe Food and Balanced Diets for Children in School) Regulations, 2020, proposing criteria for identifying food products “high in added fat, added sugar or salt”, based on the Dietary Guidelines for Indians, 2024 (ICMR).

- 1.High Fat: Food containing more than 4.2 g/100 g of added fat in solid form or more than 1.5 g/100 ml in liquid form will be classified as high in fat.***
- 2.High Sugar: Food containing more than 3 g/100 g of added sugar in solid form or more than 2 g/100 ml in liquid form will be classified as high in sugar.***
- 3.High Salt: Food containing more than 0.625 g/100 g of salt in solid form or more than 0.175 g/100 ml in liquid form will be classified as high in salt.***

The draft is open for objections and suggestions for 60 days from the date of publication.

Date of Notification: 11th August 2026

