

NEWSLETTER

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



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THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL UPDATES	6
ORDER/ DIRECTIONS	3
PRESS RELEASE	1
GAZZETTE	1
DRAFT	1



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FSSAI West Region Seizes Misbranded 'Alkaline Water' for Use of Non-Permitted Ingredients and Labelling Violations

FSSAI West Region recently initiated enforcement action against a manufacturer of alkaline water following a consumer complaint received through the Food Safety Connect portal. During an inspection at the company's manufacturing facility in Savli, Gujarat, officials identified several labelling and quality non-compliances, including missing ingredient declarations, absence of the product name on the front label, and visible black particles in the product.

Laboratory analysis further confirmed the presence of fulvic acid, a non-permitted substance under current regulations. Stocks worth approximately INR 31.61 lakh were seized, and proceedings were initiated under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. FSSAI reiterated its commitment to ensuring food safety, regulatory compliance, and accurate consumer information in the marketplace.

Date of Notification: 7th May 2026

Final FSS (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) amendment Regulations, 2026 relating to provision of metal contaminants, naturally occurring toxic substances, and antibiotic residues.

FSSAI has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2026, which will come into force from 1 December 2026. The amendments introduce revisions to contaminant limits and compliance requirements across multiple food categories, including pulses, edible oils, seafood, and ready-to-eat oilseeds.

Key changes include inclusion of pulse flours under limits for lead and cadmium, clarification on inorganic arsenic limits for fish oils, revised aflatoxin provisions for oils and oilseeds, updated limits for saffrole in foods containing mace or nutmeg, and introduction of residue limits for trimethoprim and oxolinic acid in seafood products. These amendments aim to strengthen food safety controls and align contaminant monitoring requirements with evolving regulatory standards.

Date of Notification: 14th May 2026

Date of Implementation: 1st December 2026



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Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2026 relating to Minor seed oils, Edible seeds and Appendix A

FSSAI has issued a draft notification proposing amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, with stakeholder comments invited within 60 days from publication.

The proposed amendments introduce standards for “Minor Seed Oils” including chilli seed oil, muskmelon seed oil, okra seed oil, and tomato seed oil, specifying quality parameters, contaminant requirements, labelling provisions, and conditions for solvent extraction and refining. The draft also proposes a new standard for “Edible Seeds” intended for direct human consumption, covering products such as watermelon, pumpkin, sunflower, sesame, and flax seeds, along with defined limits for moisture, free fatty acids, and foreign matter.

Additionally, the notification proposes the inclusion of Potassium Polyaspartate (INS 456) as a permitted food additive in grape wines up to 100 mg/kg. These proposed amendments aim to expand regulatory clarity for emerging food categories and strengthen product standardisation.

Date of Notification: 21st May 2026

Last date for Comments: Within 60 days of Publication

Revocation of Suspension of Bombay Test House Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai

FSSAI has revoked the suspension of Bombay Test House Private Limited with immediate effect. The order, issued by FSSAI's Quality Assurance Division on 22 May 2026, restores the operational status of the Navi Mumbai-based food testing laboratory, which is registered under FSSAI and accredited as TC-12538. The revocation was issued with the approval of the competent authority and communicated to state food safety commissioners, FSSAI officials, and NABL for necessary information and action.

Date of Notification: 22nd May 2026

Date of Implementation: Effective Immediately



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Cosmetics

CDSCO Issues Public Notice Clarifying Regulatory Requirements for Cosmetics

CDSCO has issued a public notice clarifying the regulatory requirements for cosmetics under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Cosmetics Rules, 2020. A cosmetic is defined as any article intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled, sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering appearance, and includes any article intended for use as a component of a cosmetic.

The notice clarifies that cosmetics are intended only for topical use and cannot be administered through injection. Misleading claims, treatment-related use, and use of prohibited ingredients may attract regulatory action.

Date of Notification: 18th May, 2026



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“ MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has launched the ePAAS (electronic Product and Claim Approval Application System), a single-window digital platform for streamlining prior approvals and risk assessment processes under various food regulations.

Effective 1 June 2026, all applications must be submitted exclusively through the ePAAS portal, replacing manual and email-based submissions.

The platform will facilitate:

- *Approval of Non-Specified Foods & Food Ingredients (NSF&FI)*
- *Product claim approvals*
- *Ayurveda Aahara approvals*
- *Foods for Special Medical Purpose (FSMP) approvals*
- *Vegan endorsement applications*
- *r-PET authorisation applications*
- *Notification of esters, derivatives, salts, chelates, and isomers of vitamins, minerals, and amino acids*
- *Other food/product/process approvals requiring prior FSSAI authorisation*

According to FSSAI, the ePAAS platform has been introduced to provide a unified digital system for the submission, review, and processing of approval applications.

