Report Name: FSSAI Clarifies Food Product Categories That Qualify for Default Insecticide Tolerance Limits

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India’s Food Safety and Standards Authority published a clarification to the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, that all agricultural food products and associated processed food categories that do not have fixed insecticide maximum residue levels will have a default limit of 0.01 mg/kg. The clarification notes that the default limit does not apply to thermally and chemically processed foods.
General Information:

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On January 11, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) clarified a statement provided as a “Note” in Sub-Regulation 2.3.1 (after the table listing the maximum residue limits of 213 insecticides in various foods) of the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011. The original FSSAI regulation states that the “tolerance limit of 0.01 mg/kg shall apply in cases of pesticides for which MRL have not been fixed.” The note conveys that the default tolerance limit does not apply to thermally and chemically processed foods but covers agricultural commodities and resulting “physically processed foods only.”

This FSSAI notification is pasted below for reference.

Attachments:

No Attachments.