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**Report Highlights:**

India is accepting comments on proposed revisions to its Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018. Key amendments relate to prohibition/restriction on the use of Poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances in food contact materials; and food contact materials manufactured with polycarbonate and epoxy resins to be free from Bisphenol A (BPA) and its derivatives.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a draft notification to propose amendments to the [Food Safety and Standards \(Packaging\) Regulations, 2018](#). Highlights include prohibition/restriction on the use of Poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances in food contact materials; and food contact materials manufactured with polycarbonate and epoxy resins to be free from Bisphenol A (BPA) and its derivatives. Interested stakeholders can comment on the proposed notification [[World Trade Organization \(WTO\) notification G/SPS/N/IND/338 dated October 28, 2025](#)] by December 27, 2025.

Comments should be sent to:

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For additional information, please see Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2025, pasted below and available online at: <https://fssai.gov.in> or on the WTO website.

Details on the draft regulations:

- Date of WTO Notification: October 28, 2025
- Date of Implementation: To be determined
- WTO Notification Number: G/SPS/N/IND/338
- Final date for comments: December 27, 2025
- Products Affected: All food contact materials.

## FSSAI's DRAFT FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (PACKAGING) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2025

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### FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

#### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 6th October, 2025

**F. No. SSDIVI-PF0SP20(16)/2/2025-Standard-FSSAI.**—The following draft of certain regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018, which the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India proposes to make with previous approval of the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 92 read with section 23 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required under sub-section (1) of section 92 of the said Act for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Gazette containing this notification are made available to the public;

Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 or may be sent by email at [regulation@fssai.gov.in](mailto:regulation@fssai.gov.in).

Objections or suggestions which may be received with respect to the said draft regulations within the period specified above shall be considered by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

#### DRAFT REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2025.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018, -
  - (1) in regulation (3) relating to General requirements, after sub regulation (14), following shall be inserted, namely;  
“(15) Poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) shall not be used in manufacturing of food contact materials.
  - (16) Food contact materials manufactured with polycarbonate and epoxy resins shall be free from Bisphenol A (BPA) and its derivatives.”

RAJIT PUNHANI, Chief Executive Officer

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**Note.** - The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 vide notification number File No. 1-95/Std/Packaging/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2017, dated the 24th December, 2018 and last amended vide notification number F.No. STD/SP-20/T(Recycledplastics-N) dated the 28th March, 2025.

#### Attachments:

No Attachments.