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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, effective February 1, 2026. These updates refine standards for food products and additives, including refractive index parameters, processing aids, enzymes, and food color preparations. New standards for meat sausages and dehydrated tarragon have been introduced, alongside modifications to packaged drinking water and synthetic food color requirements. The regulations aim to enhance food safety, quality, and compliance, impacting both domestic and imported food products.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

On July 10, 2025, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India notified the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) First Amendment Regulations, 2025](#). The purpose of the regulation aims to strengthen food safety and quality standards in India by updating specifications for food products and additives. It seeks to protect consumer health, ensure uniformity in food production, and align with international best practices. The amendments address parameters such as refractive index for oils, permissible food additives, enzymes, and processing aids, while introducing new standards for specific products like meat sausages and dehydrated tarragon.

A draft amendment was published earlier on October 31, 2022, inviting comments from interested stakeholders (Reference: [GAIN-INDIA-IN2022-0104- FSSAI Publishes Draft Amendments for Food Product Standards and Food Additives Regulations](#)). The final version is now notified after accounting for comments and consultations with stakeholders. The effective date of enforcement for these new norms is February 1, 2026.

Scope of Products and Additives Covered:

The regulation covers a broad range of food products and additives, including:

- Food Products: Meat sausages (fresh, cooked, smoked, dry/fermented), packaged drinking water, dehydrated tarragon (whole and powder), and beverages excluding dairy products.
- Food Additives: Synthetic food colors, enzymes (e.g., phospholipase A2, lysophospholipase, lipase triacylglycerol, glucose oxidase, serine endopeptidase, chymosin), processing aids, and color preparations.
- Specific Parameters: Refractive index adjustments for oils, volatile oil content for tarragon, and microbiological requirements for meat products.

These amendments are expected to impact both domestic producers and international exporters, including those from the U.S., by requiring stricter adherence to updated food safety and quality standards. U.S. food exporters may need to update methods to comply with the revised standards, particularly for products like meat sausages, beverages, and food additives. Compliance with new requirements for food colors, enzymes, and processing aids will be essential for continued market access. For example, meat sausages must meet specific compositional, microbiological, and processing standards, while food color preparations must conform to updated dye content and filler material specifications. U.S. exporters should review formulations, labeling, and production processes to ensure compliance, which may alter costs and require adjustments to

existing supply chains. Interested stakeholders should go through the entire text of the amended regulation which is included as an attachment to this report for ease of reference.

Attachments:

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