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Report Highlights:

On January 6, 2026, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) updated its policy for implementing labeling amendments. Now, all changes to labeling and display regulations as well as updates to labeling provisions in other Food Safety and Standards regulations, will take effect annually on July 1. FSSAI will provide a minimum transition period of 365 days (one year) from the notification date before enforcing new requirements. This policy replaces the previous published version issued on January 3, 2025. The change aims to give food business operators greater predictability and support smoother compliance.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

On January 6, 2026, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued Office Order No. **SS-G0SP0B(MISC)/1/2025-Standard-FSSAI**, revising its policy for implementing labeling amendments. Under the new policy, all changes to labeling and display regulations, as well as labeling provisions in other Food Safety and Standards regulations, will take effect annually on July 1. FSSAI will provide a minimum transition period of 365 days (one year) from the notification date before enforcement begins.

This change is expected to give food business operators (FBOs) greater predictability and support smoother compliance. American food manufacturers will benefit from the longer transition period, which allows extended use of pre-printed packaging materials, reduces waste, and fosters operational efficiency.

The previous policy announced on January 3, 2025 (See, [GAIN-INDIA-IN2025-0006-Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Announces New Timeline for Compliance with Labeling Requirements](#)), set the effective date as July 1 with a minimum transition period of 180 days. The new order extends this period to 365 days and supersedes the earlier policy. In emergency situations, FSSAI will determine the implementation and enforcement date on a case-by-case basis.

The full text of the FSSAI order is found on FSSAI's website at: <https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2026/01/695cc8cc988f2order%20on%20Decision%20taken%20in%2048th%20Food%20Authority%20meeting.pdf>

Attachments:

[FSSAI Policy Amdts Food Labeling Regs.pdf](#)