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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a directive (F.No. STD/43-FA-Notifications/2024) granting a three-month extension for compliance with the new standards for meat sausages, which were originally published on July 10, 2025. The previous compliance deadline was February 1, 2026. With this extension, the new compliance date is now May 1, 2026.

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On January 30, 2026, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a directive granting a three-month extension for compliance with the new standards relating to meat sausages.

FSSAI provided this extension in response to multiple representations from the meat industry, which highlighted technical and practical challenges in meeting the new requirements for the preparation of meat sausages.

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to review the full text of the FSSAI directive, which is attached to this report for reference.

Background: On July 10, 2025, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) First Amendment Regulations, 2025](#), in the Official Gazette of India. The amendments were introduced to strengthen food safety and quality standards in India by updating specifications for various food products and additives. The objectives included protecting consumer health, ensuring uniformity in food production, and aligning Indian standards with international best practices. In addition to establishing new standards for meat sausages, the amendments addressed a broad range of food products, food additives, and set specific parameters for certain categories. For additional information, please refer to [GAIN-INDIA-IN2025-0045-India's Food Safety Authority Notifies Revised Food Product Standards that Goes into Effect February 2026](#).

Attachments:

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