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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations 2026 in the Official Gazette, relating to heavy metals, naturally occurring toxins and veterinary drug residues in food products. The date of implementation for the final regulation is December 1, 2026.

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On May 14, 2026 (notified in FSSAI's website on May 25, 2026), FSSAI notified the final Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations 2026 in the Official Gazette, relating to modified limits for lead, arsenic, cadmium, and aflatoxins in various food products, including pulses, edible oils and seafood products. The amendment also includes limits for safrole in beverages and foods containing mace and/or nutmeg kernel as an ingredient; and oxolinic acid in sea foods. The implementation date set for this final regulation is December 1, 2026. For more details on the final regulation, please refer to the full text of the notification provided in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2024, FSSAI notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) its draft amendment on this subject. The WTO notification number was G/SPS/N/IND/324 and the comment period for WTO members ended on February 10, 2025 (Refer to [GAIN-INDIA-IN2024-0057-India Publishes Draft Amendment Regulations on Metal Contaminants](#)).

Attachments:

[260525-Final Reg_MetalContaminants.pdf](#)