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Report Highlights:

On November 7, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a draft notification inviting comments on the draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Amendment Regulations, 2025 relating to standards for special wine. The amendments introduce tolerance for sugar content in Brut wine, revised definitions of wine-based beverages, and mandatory labeling of a standard drink.

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On November 7, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India published a draft notification inviting comments from domestic stakeholders on the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Amendment Regulations, 2025.

The amendments introduce tolerance of 0.3 percent for sugar content in Brut wine and revised definitions of wine-based beverages, which is a drink made from at least 50 percent wine that may be sweetened, colored, flavored, or mixed with food ingredients (including water). The alcohol content of wine-based beverages must be between 3.5 percent and 14.5 percent by volume, and all the alcohol must come from the wine, except for small amounts used to dilute flavors, colorants, or other approved additives. It also specifies mandatory labeling of a standard drink. One standard drink is the amount of beverage that contains 12.7 milliliters of alcohol by volume (abv) at 20°C. The label must state the approximate number of standard drinks in the package.

The full text of the FSSAI notification is provided as an attachment to this report. The notification is also available on the FSSAI website. The last date for domestic industry to provide comments on this draft is January 07, 2026. The draft regulations will be considered sixty days after the date the official gazette containing this notification is made available to the public.

Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer,
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India,
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi- 110002
E-mail: regulation@fssai.gov.in

Details of Notification:

- Date of Publication on FSSAI website: November 7, 2025 - [Food Safety and Standards \(Alcoholic Beverages\) Amendment Regulations, 2025 relating to standards for special wine](#)
- [Food Safety and Standards \(Alcoholic Beverages\) Regulation, 2018 \(updated as of August 27, 2025\) - Compendium Alcoholic Beverages Regulation](#)

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health, and Family Welfare, GOI.

Products affected: Alcoholic Beverages

FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 30th October, 2025

F. No. SS-T0SP21(NOTI)/1/2025-Standard-FSSAI.—The following draft of certain regulations to further amend the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) 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 clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required by 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 copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published 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, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi- 110002 or may be sent by e-mail at 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 (Alcoholic Beverages) Amendment Regulations, 2025.

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2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018,-
 - (1) In part 3, regulation 3.1.2.2 relating to Sparkling wine, in clause (i) relating to Brut, after the words 'sugar content below 1.2 per cent', the words 'with a tolerance of 0.3 per cent' shall be inserted.
 - (2) In part 3, regulation 3.1.6 relating to Wine Based Beverages, the words 'or special wine used' shall be deleted.
 - (3) In part 5, regulations 5.2 relating to Labeling of standard drink, for the word 'may', the word 'shall' shall be substituted.

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 F. No. 2/SA-24/2009(1)/FSSAI, dated the 19th March, 2018 and last amended *vide* notification numbers F. No. STD/SP-21/T(Alcohol-6) dated the 20th June, 2025.

Subject: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Amendment Regulations, 2025

FORMAT FOR SENDING THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Sr. No.	Name and Address of the organisation/person, contact number and E-mail	Relevant section in the draft notification on which comments are being provided	Comments/suggestion	Rationale	Remarks

Date:

Place:

Name and signature

Attachments:

No Attachments.