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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published amendments in food import regulations. The amendments allow FSSAI notified or referral laboratories to adopt validated methods of analysis as recommended by AOAC/ISO/Pearson's/Jacob/IUPAC/Food Chemicals CODEX/BIS/Codex Alimentarius/Woodmen/Winton-Winton/Joslyn or any other internationally recognized regulatory agency, in case the test method is not specified in the manual. Additionally, the amendment requires the laboratories to provide its duly signed analysis report in FORM-2 within five days from the date of receipt of the product sample. The implementation date for the amendment is set for May 1, 2026.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

On October 27, 2025, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published [Food Safety and Standards \(Import\) First Amendment Regulations, 2025](#). The amendment introduces changes to Regulation 10 of the 2017 Import Regulations relating to testing imported food samples. If a testing method for a particular sample is not specified in the manual, the amendment allows FSSAI's notified or referral laboratories to follow validated methods from recognized international standards such as Association of Official Agricultural Chemists (AOAC), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), CODEX, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), or other equivalent agencies. Additionally, the amendment requires the FSSAI notified laboratory or referral laboratory to provide its duly signed analysis report in FORM-2 within five days from the date of receipt of the product sample to expedite the import clearance process. FORM-2 is pasted below for reference. Effective date for the two amendments is May 1, 2026.

Background: Regulation 10(4)(b) of the Food Import Regulations, 2017, states that the laboratories, while testing samples of different categories of food products, follow the test methods specified by FSSAI. In case the test method is not specified by FSSAI, the notified or referral laboratory shall comply with the specifications for testing specified by Codex or the International Organization for Standardization or Director General Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

**FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (FOOD IMPORT) FIRST AMENDMENT REGULATIONS
(2025)**

[भाग III—खण्ड 4]

भारत का राजपत्र : असाधारण

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FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th October, 2025

F. No. QA/11023/31/2022-QA-FSSAI(1).—Whereas a draft of the Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2024, were published *vide* notification of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India number F. No. QA/11023/31/2022-QA-FSSAI(1), dated the 3rd October, 2024, in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 as required under sub- section (1) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), inviting objections and suggestions from persons likely to be affected thereby, within a period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification were made available to the public;

And whereas, the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 7th October, 2024;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public in respect of the said draft regulations have been considered by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub- section (2) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, with the previous approval of the Central Government hereby makes the following regulations, further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017, namely: -

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Import) First Amendment Regulations, 2025.
(2) They shall come into force on 1st May, 2026.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017, in regulation 10, -
 - (i) in sub-regulation (4), for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely: -

“(b) The manuals of the method of analysis, as amended or adopted by the Authority from time to time, shall be used for analysing the samples of food articles. However, in case the method for analysing any parameter is not available in these manuals, the Food Laboratory may adopt a validated method of analysis prescribed by AOAC/ ISO / Pearson’s/ Jacob/ IUPAC/ Food Chemicals CODEX/ BIS/ Codex Alimentarius/ Woodmen/ Winton-Winton/ Joslyn or any other internationally recognized regulatory agencies.”;
 - (ii) for sub-regulation (5), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(5) The notified laboratory or referral laboratory shall provide the laboratory analysis report duly signed by its Food Analyst or Director, as the case may be, in FORM - 2 within five days from the date of receipt of the sample.”.

RAJIT PUNHANI, Chief Executive Officer

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FORM – 2

[See regulation 10(5)]

REPORT OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Name of Laboratory Address

Test Certificate No: 00000000

Date: 00000000

Report of Laboratory Analysis

1. Sample Identification : *Sample No:*
2. Ref No :
3. Sample received from :
4. Sample Particulars : *Brief description of sample material*
5. Volume / Weight :
6. Sample received Date and Time : Time: 0000 on 000000
7. Lot / Batch No :
8. Date of Manufacture : 000000 (mmyyyy)
9. Fee Received : ☐ Yes
10. Lab Code No : *code assigned by laboratory for its records*

A. Physical Examination

11. Type of Packaging :
12. Condition of Package : ____
13. Physical Appearance of sample : ____
14. Labelling – Details sufficient : ☐ Yes ☐ No
15. If condition of packaging or sample or details provided in the label is not acceptable, provide reason: _____

Attachments:

No Attachments.