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**Report Name:** India's FSSAI Proposes Amendment for Packaging Regulations

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**Report Highlights:**

On May 17, 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued Notification F. No. STD/SP-20/T (Recycled Plastics-N) notifying amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations (2018). The notification was published in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary (official gazette) on May 18, 2022, and uploaded to the FSSAI website on May 24, 2022. The amendment pertains to the use of products manufactured from recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET) in food packaging. World Trade Organization (WTO) members are invited to comment on the proposed draft amendment. The comment period is open for 60 days from the date of the uploading of the draft notification onto the FSSAI website.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **Background:**

The notification pertains to products manufactured from recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET). It authorizes the use of recycled PET products for packaging, storing, carrying, or for dispensing of food products premised on when standards and guidelines are notified.

The FSSAI is inviting World Trade Organization (WTO) members to comment on the proposed draft amendment. The timeline to provide comments is 60 days from the uploading of the draft notification onto the FSSAI website.

The full text of the draft regulations, referred to as the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations (2022), is accessible on the FSSAI website located at:  
[https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft\\_Notification\\_Packaging\\_24\\_05\\_2022.pdf](https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft_Notification_Packaging_24_05_2022.pdf).

### **Comments, Send To:**

The Chief Executive Officer  
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road  
New Delhi – 110002  
Email: [spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in](mailto:spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in)

### **Draft Regulations Details:**

**Publication (Upload) Date on the FSSAI Website:** May 24, 2022

**Final Date for Comments:** 60 days from the date on which copies of the Gazette in which the notification is published is made available to the public.

**APPENDIX I: FSSAI – DRAFT NOTIFICATION ON FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (PACKAGING) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (2022), RELATED TO USE OF RECYCLED PLASTICS IN FOOD PACKAGING**

**FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

**Notification**

New Delhi, the 17th May, 2022

**F.No. STD/SP-20/T(Recycledplastics-N).**—The draft regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) 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 sub-section (2) of section 92 read with section 23 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006) is hereby published as required under 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 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](mailto: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 (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2022.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018, in regulation 4, in sub-regulation (4), for clause (e) the following shall be substituted, namely, –

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‘(e) Products made of recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET) may be used for packaging, storing, carrying or dispensing of food products as and when standards and guidelines are notified by the Food Authority. Such packaging materials shall also comply with any other national standards/regulations as applicable.’

ARUN SINGHAL, Chief Executive Officer

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**Note:** The Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018 were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 vide notification number File No. 1- 95/Stds/Packaging/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2017, dated the 24th December, 2018 and subsequently amended vide notification numbers F. No. Std/SP-08/A-1.2019/N-01, dated 25th January 2022.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.