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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has found 29 food corporations are not complying with the labelling rules for coffee-chicory mixes.

Recently, FSSAI has examined the labels of different food business operators (FBOs). This included large and mid-sized companies that manufacture coffee-chicory mixtures to check whether they are compliant with the regulatory provisions.

The FSSAI report said, "It has been found that out of 42 active centrally-licensed coffee-chicory manufactures, 13 were found compliant and 29 FBOs were non-compliant with the existing labelling provisions of coffee-chicory mixtures,". The Food products standards and food additives Regulations 2011 have stated clearly that coffee and coffee chicory are two different products and hence have separate stands.

There is a generic coffee powder, and on the other hand, Coffee-chicory is a coffee powder in which the roots of chicory plants are mixed to reduce its bitterness. Therefore both the products are distinct. FSSAI stated that in cases such as the one above the manufacturer must declare on the label the percentage of coffee and chicory present in the product.

The food safety authority said they had expressed their concerns to the food business operators, and they are working to comply with the regulations for the labels.

The authority further said that strict action will be taken against the violators.



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