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A close-up photograph of a wooden bowl filled with white basmati rice. The rice grains are long and slender, and the bowl is set against a background of more rice. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the rice and the wood.

**FSSAI Issues Press Release Stating Specifications
in regard to the Identity Standards for
Basmati Rice**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a Press Release specifying the identity standards for Basmati Rice (which includes Brown Basmati Rice, Milled Basmati Rice, Parboiled Brown Basmati Rice and Milled Parboiled Basmati Rice) through the issuance of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) First Amendment Regulations, 2023 as notified under the Gazette of India.

Basmati rice is a premium variety of rice cultivated in the Himalayan foothills of the Indian sub-continent and is universally known for its long grain size, fluffy texture and unique inherent aroma and flavour. Agro-climatic conditions of the specific geographical areas where Basmati rice is grown, as well as the method of harvesting, processing and ageing of the rice contributes to the uniqueness of Basmati rice. Due to its unique quality attributes, Basmati is a widely consumed variety of rice both domestically and globally and India accounts for two thirds of its global supply.

Being a premium quality rice and fetching a price higher than the non-basmati varieties, Basmati rice is prone to various types of adulteration for economic gains which may include, among others, undeclared blending of other non-basmati varieties of rice. Therefore, in order to ensure supply of standardised genuine Basmati rice in domestic and export markets, FSSAI has notified regulatory standards for Basmati rice that have been framed through extensive consultations with the concerned government departments/agencies and other stakeholders as well.

As per these standards Basmati rice are to possess natural fragrance characteristic of basmati rice and be free from artificial colouring, polishing agents and artificial fragrances. These standards also specify various identity and quality parameters for basmati rice such as average size of grains and their elongation ratio after cooking, maximum limits of moisture, amylose content, uric acid, defective/damaged grains and incidental presence of other non-basmati rice etc.

These standards are aimed to establish fair practices in the trade of Basmati rice and protect consumer interest, both domestically and globally. These standards are deemed to be effectively enforced from 1st August 2023.

Official Notification Attached [here](#)



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