

FSSAI Notifies Regarding Compliance with the Standards for Non-Carbonated Water Based Beverages (Non-Alcoholic)



In accordance with the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a notification in regard to the enforcement of compliance with the standards for Non-Carbonated Water Based Beverages (Non-Alcoholic) with reference to sub-regulation 2.10.6 (3) of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011 (Amended) which specifies the standards for Non-Carbonated Water Based Beverage (Non-Alcoholic).

The Regional Directors are hereby directed to scrutinise all such licenses granted for Non-Carbonated Water Based Beverages under Food category 14.1.4.2 in accordance with the following -

- It is manufactured using water conforming to the standards prescribed for either 'Packaged drinking water (PDW)' or 'Mineral water(MW)' as the base.
- It mandatorily contains ingredients as specified in sub-clause (i), singly, or in combination. The ingredients which are permitted to be added are Sugar, liquid glucose, dextrose monohydrate, inverted sugar, fructose, honey, salt, and salt substitutes, fruits or flowers or vegetables and their products, including extractives, herbs, spices, and their derivatives, and permitted flavouring. It may also contain caffeine not exceeding 145 parts per million from whatever sources it may be derived in the formulation of the product).
- The product is not being represented as 'Water' in any form, be it the product's name or label or through advertisement or representation by any means.
- The quantities of vitamins and minerals in the said products are as per the standards prescribed for Packaged drinking water (sub-regulation 2.10.7) or Mineral water (sub-regulation 2.10.7). It may be noted that the direction issued by FSSAI dated October 21, 2021, regarding the addition of vitamins and minerals up to one RDA in any standardised food products listed under FSSR does not apply to these products, as the limits for vitamins and minerals are already specified in the base (PDW or MW) of these products.

It is directed to review products licensed under 14.1.4.2 (Non-Carbonated Water Based Beverage (Non-alcoholic) of all such FBOs under your respective jurisdiction on the basis of the above set of conditions and issue Improvement Notices to all the non-compliant FBOs with the direction to either rectify the product formulation/labelling to bring the same in conformity with the above Regulation provisions or discontinue the manufacturing of such products.

A report on such non-compliant cases is to be submitted to FSSAI, HQs by 31st January 2023.

