

PRESS RELEASE

Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2019

FSSAI has come up with the amendment in the existing standards of Synthetic Syrup or Sharbat for bringing more clarity among the products Sharbat and Synthetic Syrup. According to the new standards Sharbat shall contain minimum of 25 % of juice or extract of fruit/vegetable/nut/herb/flower/spice, alone or in combination.

These standards also provide the opportunity to formulate the synthetic syrup with low Total Soluble Solids (TSS) up to 30% vis-a vis current level of 65%. Low TSS is accommodated in view of increasing awareness of consumer for health and preference towards low sugar. It is pertinent to note that the amount of total soluble solids is a direct indication of amount of sugar in such products.

Further, the word Sharbat and Synthetic Syrup mentioned under the regulation 2.3.21 of FSSR relating to Standards of Squashes, Crushes, Fruit Syrups/Fruit Sharbats and Barley Water would mislead the consumer and hence the same have been removed from the said regulation..

Though several comments were received from the Stakeholders on the proposed draft, at pre-draft stage, but at that time the file had already been refer to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for approval. These comments would be considered at the time of post draft consultation for finalization of the said draft notification.

FSSAI has invited suggestions and objections within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the draft amendment regulations which will come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.