

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Commissioner Food & Drug Administration
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Civil Secretariat, J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Compliance Requirements for Manufacturers dealing with Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) and Mineral Water (MW) under Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011.

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has gazette notified omission of the provision for mandatory BIS certification under Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction of Sales) Regulation, 2011 vide dated 17th October, 2024. The mandatory Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Mark is no longer required for Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) & Mineral Water (MW).

Meanwhile, a scheme of testing has been issued by FSSAI vide communication No. RCD-15001/19/2025-Regulatory-FSSAI dated 17.12.2025, for the Food Business Operators (FBOs) manufacturing “Packaged Drinking Water” & “Mineral Water” in order to ensure safety & uniform compliance of the said food products as per Regulation 2.10.8 and 2.10.7 of and related regulations.

A. Scheme of Testing for Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) in accordance with FSSR 2.10.8.

1. Testing & Records

- Conduct tests as per prescribed Levels of Control on the entire production.
- Maintain complete test records and batch-wise mineral addition records (where applicable).
- Ensure compliance with Schedule IV of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulation, 2011.

2. Microbiological Compliance

- Non-compliant batches shall not be released.
- Resume production only after corrective action and satisfactory results for 5 consecutive batches.
- Maintain records of such instances for minimum 5 years.

3. Source Water

- Test source water for all parameters from FSSAI-notified NABL accredited laboratories before use.
- Re-test in case of non-compliance.
- If radioactive contamination is detected, immediately abandon the source, recall product, and inform the Authority.
- Any new source must be fully tested prior to use.
- Treatment, re-mineralization, and disinfection shall conform to Regulation 2.10.8.

4. Packaging

- Packaging materials (plastic containers, pouches, glass bottles, cartons, aluminum cans) shall comply with the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulation, 2018.
- Reused containers (5L & above) must be durable, cleanable, and disinfected. Damaged containers shall not be reused.

5. Hygiene & Disposal

- Follow hygienic practices as per Schedule IV.
- Maintain documented procedures and display activity schedules.
- Dispose of rejected products separately with proper records; do not store with conforming stock.

B. Scheme of Testing for Mineral Water (MW) in accordance with FSSR 2.10.7

1. Test Records:

Manufacturers shall maintain complete and updated records of all tests conducted to establish product conformity.

2. Packing Requirements:

Mineral Water shall be packed strictly in accordance with the applicable Packaging Regulations, 2018.

3. Production & Quality Control:

- All tests prescribed under the applicable standards shall be conducted on the entire production.
- Entire production shall comply with Schedule IV of Licensing & Registration Regulations, 2011.
- Appropriate control records must be maintained.

4. Microbiological Compliance:

- In case of non-conformity, affected stock shall be re-tested and released only after conformity is ensured.
- Production shall resume only after corrective actions are completed and satisfactory microbiological results are obtained for five consecutive batches.
- Records of such instances shall be maintained for a minimum of five years.

4. Source Water Testing:

- Source water must be tested as per Regulation 2.10.7 from an FSSAI-notified NABL accredited laboratory (ISO/IEC 17025 certified).
- Mineral content shall not be altered during permitted treatment.
- In case of radioactive contamination, the source shall be abandoned immediately and authorities informed.
- Any change in source water requires fresh comprehensive testing prior to use.

5. Packaging Materials:

- Plastic containers, pouches, glass bottles, laminated cartons, and aluminium cans must comply with Packaging Regulations, 2018.
- Proper sterilization procedures shall be followed, particularly for glass bottles.

6. Reused Containers:

- Only durable and properly sanitized containers (5 litres and above plastic containers & glass bottles) shall be reused.
- Damaged or deformed containers shall not be used.

7. Hygienic Practices:

- Collection, processing, storage, packing, and marketing shall comply with Schedule IV (GMP & hygiene requirements).
- Hygiene shall be maintained at both factory premises and water source.

8. Rejection & Disposal:

- Non-conforming products shall be disposed of in accordance with regulations.
- Separate records of rejected batches and disposal methods shall be maintained.
- Rejected material shall not be stored with conforming product.

For detailed information on control operations is available at <https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2025/12/6944f19f64122Scheme%20of%20Testing%20PDW%20MW.pdf>

The effective date of compliance shall be 01.01.2026, and any non-compliance shall invite action under the Food Safety and Standards Act and applicable regulations.

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