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FSSAI's 2026 packaging amendment adds pan masala to Schedule IV: paper or other naturally derived materials free from plastic and foil, or tin or glass.

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The draft was published by notification of the same file number, dated April 28, 2026, in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4. It invited objections and suggestions within sixty days of the date copies of the Gazette were made available to the public. That date was April 28, 2026. The notification records that FSSAI considered the objections and suggestions it received.

The amendment inserts a new serial number 11, "Pan Masala", in Schedule IV, after the entries at serial number 10. Clause (a) of the entry reads: "Paper, Paper Board, Cellulose or other naturally derived materials, such material shall be free from any plastic including but not limited to Polyethylene, Polypropylene, Polyester, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), or any synthetic polymers, copolymers, or laminates and also free from Aluminium foil or metallised layers". Clause (b) reads: "Tin or glass containers". Clause (c) reads: "The provisions of clauses (f) and (i) of sub-rule 1 of rule 4 of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, made under the Environment Protection Act,1986 (29 of 1986) shall also apply."

The notification describes Schedule IV as relating to the "list of suggestive packaging materials". The words of the new entry say the materials in clause (a) "shall be free" from any plastic and "also free from Aluminium foil or metallised layers". The notification does not define pan masala, set out what clauses (f) and (i) of rule 4(1) of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 say, or give a transition period. Its note records that the 2018 regulations were published by notification F. No. 1- 95/Stds/Packaging/SP(L&C/A)/FSSAI-2017, dated December 24, 2018. They were last amended by notification F.No. STD/SP-20/T(Recycledplastics-N), dated March 28, 2025.

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Amends	Schedule IV (list of suggestive packaging materials) of the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018: new serial number 11, "Pan Masala"
Applies to	Packaging materials for pan masala
Clause (a)	Paper, paper board, cellulose or other naturally derived materials, free from any plastic and "also free from Aluminium foil or metallised layers"
Clause (b)	Tin or glass containers
Clause (c)	Clauses (f) and (i) of sub-rule 1 of rule 4 of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 also apply
Draft published	April 28, 2026 (copies available April 28, 2026; sixty days for objections and suggestions)
Signed by	Rajit Punhani, Chief Executive Officer

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