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An FSSAI draft amending the Contaminants, Toxins and Residues Regulations, 2011 proposes residue limits in tea: acetamiprid 20 mg/kg and imidacloprid 50 mg/kg.

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The draft would amend the Table in sub-regulation 2.3.1 of regulation 2.3, which relates to "Residues". Against serial number 3, relating to Acetamiprid, it would insert in columns (3) and (4), after the existing entries, the food "Tea" with a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) of 20 mg/kg. Against serial number 103, relating to Imidacloprid, it would insert in the same columns, after the existing entries, the food "Tea" with an MRL of 50 mg/kg. Neither new entry carries a note or condition, and the draft proposes no other change.

The draft regulations will be taken into consideration after the expiry of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing the notification are made available to the public. Objections or suggestions may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002, or sent by email to regulation@fssai.gov.in. Those received before the period expires will be considered by FSSAI. The notification does not state the date on which the copies were made available.

The draft gives the regulations a short title but no date of commencement, so it does not say when the limits would take effect once made final. It does not reproduce the existing entries against serial numbers 3 and 103 or give reasons for the proposed limits. Its note records that the principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4, by notification F. No. 2-15015/30/2010, dated August 1, 2011, and last amended by notification F.No. 01/SP -02/S&S/NotificationContaminants/2021-22, dated May 14, 2026. The notification is signed by Rajit Punhani, Chief Executive Officer.

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Would amend	The Table in sub-regulation 2.3.1 of regulation 2.3 ("Residues"), Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011
Applies to	Tea, for residues of acetamiprid and imidacloprid
Proposed MRLs	Acetamiprid 20 mg/kg; imidacloprid 50 mg/kg
Comment period	Sixty days from the date copies of the Gazette are made available to the public
Objections or suggestions to	Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002, or by email to regulation@fssai.gov.in
Takes effect	Not stated in the draft
Legal basis	Section 92(2)(i) and (j), Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, with the previous approval of the Central Government
Signed by	Rajit Punhani, Chief Executive Officer

Proposed maximum residue limits in tea

Serial number	Entry relating to	Food	Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) mg/kg
3	Acetamiprid	Tea	20
103	Imidacloprid	Tea	50

The notification (draft regulations) (PDF, 426 KB)

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