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FSSAI puts the coffee-chicory box declaration on hold

FSSAI's direction of July 21, 2026 keeps the 2025 coffee-chicory box declaration in abeyance and lets packs state "COFFEE ...%, CHICORY ...%" on the front.

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Those regulations, dated August 8, 2025, made a front-of-pack declaration of coffee-chicory mixture mandatory from July 1, 2026. Published in the Gazette on August 12, 2025, they set a boxed declaration headed "COFFEE BLENDED WITH CHICORY / THIS MIXTURE CONTAINS", or for instant mixture "INSTANT COFFEE-CHICORY MIXTURE / MADE FROM BLENDS OF COFFEE AND CHICORY", followed by the percentages. The direction says FSSAI received several representations on displaying the proposed box declaration, particularly on smaller packs with a principal display panel under 100 cm². The Food Authority approved a simpler labeling option. Since amending the notification will take time, it decided to keep the notification in abeyance.

Food business operators may use the following declaration on the front of the pack. Every package containing a mixture of coffee and chicory, and every package of instant coffee-chicory mixture made from blends of coffee and chicory, is to show "COFFEE ...%, CHICORY ...%", with the percentages filled in. The minimum is a 1 mm font size, or a 2 mm font height on packs whose principal display panel is more than 100 cm². The two declarations read the same, and neither carries the heading lines of the 2025 regulations.

The direction's paragraph 3 then reads, in full: "They shall come into force on 1st July, 2027." It comes straight after the two declarations and does not say whether "They" means those declarations or the 2025 regulations. The 2025 regulations used the same words for their own start: "They shall come into force on 01 July, 2026."

The direction calls the new wording an "additional declaration" that food businesses "may use", and does not say whether the boxed declaration may still be used. It says the amendment to the notification will take time but gives no date for it, and it does not say how long the abeyance lasts. It does not mention imported products or packs already printed.

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Dated	July 21, 2026
Legal basis	Section 18(2)(d) read with section 16(5), Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
Applies to	Food business operators packing coffee-chicory mixture and instant coffee-chicory mixture
Held in abeyance	Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) First Amendment Regulations, 2025, dated August 8, 2025, which were to apply from July 1, 2026
Declaration that may be used	"COFFEE ...%, CHICORY ...%" on the front of the package
Minimum size	1 mm font size; 2 mm font height where the principal display panel is more than 100 cm²
Date in the direction	"They shall come into force on 1st July, 2027." (paragraph 3)
Reason given	Representations on displaying the box declaration, particularly on packs with a principal display panel under 100 cm²
Amendment to the 2025 regulations	None in FSSAI's lists of notifications and advisories up to October 15, 2026
Signed by	Dr. Amit Sharma, Executive Director (CS)

The direction (PDF, 582 KB)

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