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The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has reclassified packaged drinking water and mineral water as a high-risk food category. This decision was issued on November 29, 2024.

The reclassification follows a recent amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011, which eliminated the mandatory Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification requirement for certain food products.

Manufacturers of packaged drinking water and mineral water will now face more stringent regulatory oversight. The FSSAI will conduct mandatory annual inspections of manufacturing facilities to ensure adherence to food safety and quality standards.

Central License holders in high-risk food categories, including packaged drinking water and mineral water, are now required to undergo annual third-party food safety audits.

This reclassification emphasises the FSSAI's commitment to safeguarding public health and ensuring the quality and safety of food products. By designating packaged drinking water and mineral water as high-risk, the FSSAI aims to enforce stringent quality control measures and protect consumers from potential health risks.

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