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Ban potassium bromate as food additive, says FSSAI

FSSAI scientists had said a panel had recommended removal of potassium bromate from the list of permissible food additives.



The government is set to ban potassium bromate as a food additive in bread products, going ahead with a recommendation from a scientific panel under the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) late last year. Union Health Minister J P Nadda said appropriate action will be taken after a study by the Centre For Science and Environment (CSE) found nearly 84 per cent of 38 commonly available brands of packaged breads tested positive for potassium bromate and potassium iodate.

“I have asked FSSAI to take the matter seriously and submit a report. The ministry will take appropriate action as soon as the report comes,” Nadda told PTI.
