FSSAI mulls frozen food standards

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has proposed new standards for frozen vegetables and processed fruit products, including commonly used canned tomatoes, frozen peas and jams. In a draft regulation, the FSSAI invited suggestions from all stakeholders. “The framing of standards for new products is a continuous process. In this, we have drafted quality norms for commonly used frozen vegetables and fruit products,” FSSAI chief executive Pawan Agarwal told ‘PTI’.

As per the draft, standards have been framed for canned tomatoes, tomato juice, frozen beans, cauliflower, peas and spinach. Similarly, the regulator has come out with benchmarks for jams, fruit jellies and marmalades. The standards relate to limits for metallic contaminants in these products.