



Test imported pulses to check for toxins: FSSAI

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NEW DELHI: In a move to ensure toxins free pulses for consumers, the country's top food regulator has ordered testing of imported pulses such as dry beans, lentils, soya bean and peas to check presence of toxic herbicide glyphosate – used by farmers in some countries to prevent weeds in crop.



The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has asked its imports division to check consignment of pulses for the presence of herbicide glyphosate along with other testing parameters.

These samples would be tested by regional laboratories and the results have to be shared with FSSAI within 15 days, the regulator said in its order.

“There is a possibility of higher level of residues of herbicide “Glyphosate” in pulses, thereby adversely affecting the health of the

consumers,” FSSAI said.

India imports a lot of its pulses from countries like Australia, Russia and Canada.